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ROOSEVELT REVEALS ACTION AGAINST JAPAN IS IMMINENT

United States Expected To Freeze Japanese Credits To-day

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HYDE PARK, JULY 25 (UP).—PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT INDICATED TO-DAY THAT THE FIRST MOVE BY THE UNITED STATES TO COUNTERACT JAPAN'S EXPANSION IN THE FAR EAST MAY BE EXPECTED ON SATURDAY.
THE PRESIDENT DECLARED THAT JAPAN'S MOVE IN INDO-CHINA IS AWAKENING THE UNITED STATES TO THE FULL REALISATION OF THE DEADLY PERIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION. EVENTS IN THE FAR EAST WHERE JAPANESE ARMED FORCES ARE MOVING ON INDO-CHINA WITH A POTENTIAL MENACE TO THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS AND THE BRITISH SUPPLY LINES ARE BRINGING THE UNITED STATES PUBLIC TO BE GREATLY MORE AWARE OF THE DANGER IN THE WHOLE WORLD SITUATION.

Sanctions Against Japan Expected

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, July 25 (UP).—Senators are divided in opinion as to whether the United States will take active military action against Japan, or just economic reprisals in answer to the Japanese aggression in the Far East.
The senior Senator member of the Foreign Relations Committee told the "United Press" that America is not likely to use force against Japan except in checking a direct thrust at the Philippines. He pointed out that the United States lacks adequate bases.

Dominions Will Join In
LONDON, July 25 (UP).—The Dominions have fully agreed to participate in the imminent Anglo-American, and probably Dutch, retaliatory measures against Japan, and early announcements are expected in London aligning the whole British Empire squarely with America in financial and commercial sanctions.
The freezing of Japanese assets coupled with a comprehensive licensing system for trade with Japan as previously reported would be tantamount to a virtual total embargo on Japanese commerce.
Until now, Japan has been receiving almost normal imports from the British Empire. These are now expected to be withheld.

Mortal Blow
These sanctions are expected to strike a mortal blow at Japan's key exports, especially the yearly sale, mostly to the United States, of \$50,000,000 yen worth of silk, which is exclusive of exports to China and Manchukuo, and 400,000,000 yen worth of cotton textiles chiefly to the British Empire.
The extent of the blow about to fall on Japan is indicated by the Japan-Manchukuo Year Book, the 1938 figures stating that in the last

TROOPS LAND SAYS BERLIN

Japanese Move Into Indo-China
STOCKHOLM, July 25 (Reuters).—A considerable number of Japanese troops have already crossed into Indo-China with the object of occupying the whole country, according to a Berlin report quoted by the correspondent of the "Social Demokrat" in the German capital.
Although the Wilhelmstrasse is reserved and press comment is lacking, the correspondent says that it is considered in Berlin that events in Indo-China presage great developments in the world situation.
Berlin considers it unlikely that Japan will be content with the occupation of Indo-China. She will, it is thought, proceed to the occupation of the strip of territory between Indo-China and the Malay Peninsula—a step which the Germans are convinced will immediately result in war.

Japanese Warships Arrive
VICHY, July 25 (UP).—The Paris morning paper "Cri du Peuple" reports from Saigon that Japanese warships "double the number of United States and British warships in Asiatic waters" have already arrived in Indo-China.
The same source cites Japanese information to the effect that French ships have been forbidden to leave Indo-China ports to prevent seizure. The "Cri du Peuple" writes, "Military measures have been taken and everything is now ready for a reply if the colony is attacked."

Public opinion is swinging rapidly to a more complete realisation of the dangers in which this country is involved. The President added, however, that the public is not yet sufficiently cognisant of the perils of the situation and that the country generally was no more completely aware of the dangers inherent in the Far East than of the dangers in the Western war.

The President would not discuss the nature of the move he expected to make on Saturday, but said that he definitely believes that there will be some development in Washington regarding the situation.
Observers no longer have any serious doubts that the Government will act soon to freeze Japanese credits. It appeared obvious that the President is determined to feel his way cautiously, but it appeared that freezing would be one of the first of several counter-moves.

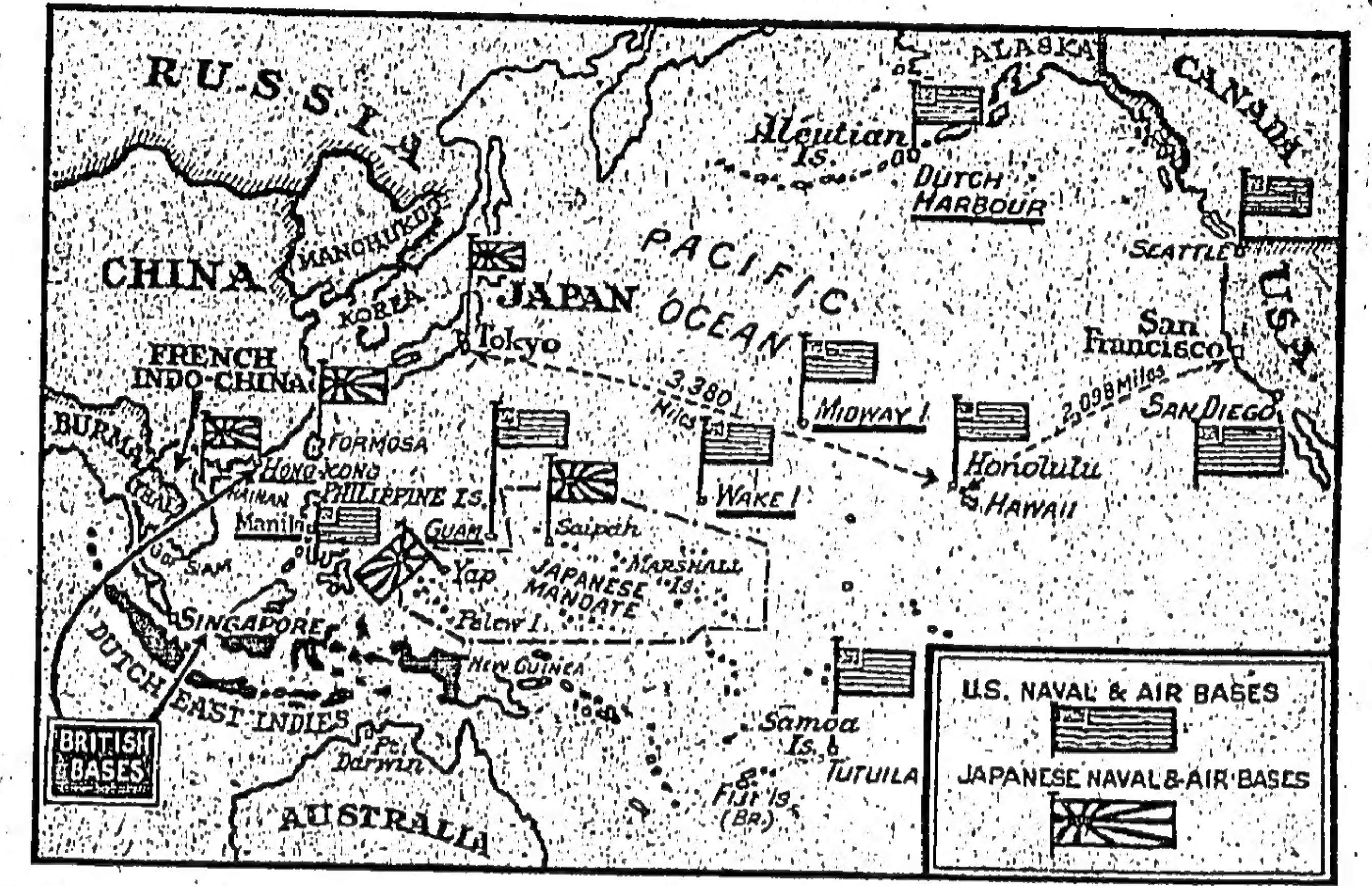
SORTIE FROM TOBRUK With Hand Grenades

CAIRO, July 25 (Reuters).—A number of fighting patrols from Tobruk penetrated enemy positions during the night of July 23-24, says to-day's Middle East communiqué.
"One of these patrols advanced to a depth of over three miles and engaged an enemy strong point with hand grenades, inflicting a number of casualties before withdrawing.
"Our artillery successfully covered the operations of these patrols throughout the night.
"In the frontier area, our mechanised patrols again drove back enemy elements from points of observation.
"In Abyssinia and Syria, there is no change."

Withdrawal Report
CAIRO, July 25 (Reuters).—No confirmation is available in official circles in Cairo of a report from Lisbon that two German divisions have been withdrawn from Libya.
It is pointed out here that it is a recognised feature of German tactics to spread reports of this nature in order to cause doubt and confusion.

\$25,000 Donation To Bomber Fund
A second splendid donation of \$25,000 for the Bomber Fund was received from the Hongkong Tramways, Limited, yesterday. The Fund is now well on the way to the \$2,500,000 mark.

Strategical Positions In The Pacific



Nazis Stuck Before Smolensk: Vulnerable To Flank Attack

LONDON, July 25 (Reuters).—Still held up in their drives on Moscow and Leningrad, Hitler's armies may now be expected to test the Soviet lines for possible weak points elsewhere along the 2,000-mile front, according to "Reuters" Moscow correspondent.
The Germans, he says, are "stuck indefinitely before Smolensk" and the wedge of Germans that has been driven into the Russian line at this point is already dangerously long and exposes itself to the threat of a flank attack by Soviet troops.

Systematic Bombing Of Russia

LONDON, July 25 (Reuters).—The Russian port of Odessa, on the Black Sea, was reportedly bombed by German planes yesterday, say the official German news agency.
Harbour works, buildings and shipyards, adds the agency, were severely damaged and an anti-aircraft ship in harbour was also hit.
The port of Cherson at the mouth of the Dnieper River is also said to have been attacked.
Moscow Bears Up
(BY "REUTERS" SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)
MOSCOW, July 25 (Reuters).—The results of the German night attacks on Moscow after successive and systematic raids have shown no sensational results.
Indications now point to the fact that the Germans have now abandoned their plan to capture Moscow by a direct assault.

General Wavell In India

SIMLA, July 25 (Reuters).—General Sir Archibald Wavell, Commander-in-Chief, India, has just completed a tour of the northwest frontier district. On his return, he sent a message to the General Officer Commanding the Northern Command, expressing appreciation of the good work already done on the design and extension of the defences in that area and saying that he had been impressed by the bearing and keenness of the troops on the frontier.

Kiel, Emden, Rotterdam Wilhelmshaven Raided

Special to the "Telegraph"
LONDON, July 25 (UP).—The Air Ministry announced that large forces of British bombers attacked Kiel and Emden last night causing great damage and large fires.
Smaller forces attacked Wilhelmshaven and the docks at Rotterdam, while fighter forces attacked German aerodromes in northern France.
Five British bombers are missing.
Enemy Shipping Suffers
CAIRO, July 25 (Reuters).—On July 23, R.A.F. bomber aircraft carried out a successful attack on enemy shipping at Tripoli, Sicily. One merchant vessel became enveloped in flames and smoke when hit by high explosive and incendiary bombs. Another of 3,000 tons is believed to have been sunk.

Japanese Ships Tied Up

NEW YORK, July 25 (Reuters).—President Roosevelt's freezing order apparently prevents the removal of any Japanese ship from the United States.

Dakar May Be Next On List: America Accused of Designs

Special to the "Telegraph"
VICHY, July 25 (UP).—The Nazi-controlled Paris press to-day called for a French agreement with the "European Powers," for the "protection" of Dakar against American aggression, charging that the United States is following a policy of "political blackmail" in the Far East. The paper demanded that France negotiate arrangements for the "protection" of Dakar similar to those under negotiation with Japan for the "protection" of Indo-China.
The press charged that the United States plans to occupy Liberia on the West African coast, about 750 miles from Dakar, and said that this constitutes a serious threat to Dakar.
The newspaper "Les Nouveaux Temps" complained that "American interference in our affairs is not confined to Africa," and drew attention to the statement made by Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, and a recent statement made by Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy that "the American navy is ready to move," in the Far East, adding that "the threat is pure political blackmail, intended to force Japan to hesitate and thus leave the field open for Chinese and British manoeuvres."

Success Of New Tank

Made Rings Round Nazis
LONDON, July 25 (Reuters).—A new type of British cruiser tank has been named "Crusader" by Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Supply, in view of the tremendous work it did in the Middle East.
"It made rings round the Germans," was the tribute of a Royal Armoured Corps General, who has knowledge of all the achievements of the Crusaders in Libya and elsewhere in the Middle East.
The General added: "The way these machines fired as they raced over the desert surprised the Germans and stupefied the Italians. If only there had been more, all our troubles would be ended."

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- The correspondence will be entered into in connection with the Competition.
- Members of the Staffs of the Hongkong Telegraph and the South China Morning Post are not permitted to compete.
- The decision of the Judges shall be final.
- At the conclusion of the Competition, entries will be returned to competitors on application at the Telegraph offices within seven days.
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NOTICE is hereby given that the Directors have made a Call of \$1.00 per share upon all the members holding shares of the 1941 Issue allotted on 3rd July, 1941, upon which only \$1.00 per share has been paid, and that such Call will be payable on the 30th day of September, 1941.

NOTICE is hereby also given that the Directors have made a further Call of \$2.00 per share upon all the members holding shares of the 1941 Issue whether allotted on 24th January or 3rd July, 1941, and that such further Call will be payable on the 6th day of January, 1942.

The above mentioned Calls will be payable to the Bankers of the Company, the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

JOHN V. BRAGA,

Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, 23rd July, 1941.

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an INTERIM DIVIDEND of Fifty (50) cents per Share has been declared payable on MONDAY, 18th AUGUST next, on and after which date Dividend Warrants may be obtained upon application at the Registered Office of the Company, Canal Road East, Hongkong.

NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the Register of MEMBERS of the Company will be closed from MONDAY, 4th AUGUST, to MONDAY, 18th AUGUST, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

W. F. SIMMONS,

Secretary and Assistant Manager.

Hongkong, 25th July, 1941.

Passes On

APPEAL FOR FUNDS FOR ORTHOPAEDIC CENTRES IN FREE CHINA

At the request of Madam H. H. Kung and with the support of His Excellency the Governor and under the auspices of the British Fund for Relief of Distress in South China, an appeal is made for funds for the purpose of establishing and maintaining Orthopaedic Centres for disabled soldiers and civilians in China.

Cheques and donations may be sent to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. M. K. Lo, British Relief Fund for Distress in South China, Alexandra Building, marked Orthopaedic Appeal or to the British Relief Fund for Distress in South China, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank marked Orthopaedic Appeal.

CHURCH NOTICES

CHRIST CHURCH (KOWLOON TONG)

July 26, Saturday.—V.D.M.A. Conference at Tao Fung Shan Christian Institute. Bishop C. C. Song of W. S. S. and Dr. T. C. Chao of Yenching University will address meetings. Opportunities will be given for discussion. The charge will be \$1.00 return, and those requiring transportation, please apply to the Secretary, Mr. Kowloon, at 230 p.m. We shall return from Shatin about 7.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at 50 cents.

27th July, 1st Sunday After Trinity. Services in English—7.15 a.m. Holy Communion; 9.45 a.m. Morning Prayer. Preacher: the Vicar, Rev. Canon A. M. 7.15; 4.07 Immortal, Invincible ... 4.08 Immortal love. ... 4.09 Immortal love.

July 30, Wednesday.—The Wolf Cub pack will meet at 4, Embankment Road, at 4.30 p.m.

July 31, Thursday.—7 a.m. Holy Communion; 10 a.m. The Gull of Martha and Mary meet at the Vicarage. No choir practice.

August 1, Friday.—Farewell party in the Vicarage at 6.30 p.m.

METHODIST CHURCH (QUEEN'S ROAD EAST)

Services on Sunday—July 27. Preachers:—Morning, Rev. E. Moreton; Evening, Rev. P. W. Jones. Morning Prayer Services at 10.15 a.m.—Hymns: 7, 912, 221, 207. Evening Service at 7 p.m.—Hymns: 678, 611, 429, 601.

Notices for the Week. Following the Evening Service a Social Hour will be held at the S. & S. Home at 8.30 p.m. All Servicemen and civilians warmly welcome. Tuesday at 8.30 p.m. Meeting for Prayer and Fellowship at S. & S. Home. Wednesday at 8.30 p.m. General Committee at the S. & S. Home.

UNION CHURCH (KENNEDY ROAD)

Morning Service 10.30 a.m. Evensong Service 4 p.m. Preacher at both services, Rev. K. MacKenzie Dow.

Roosevelt Reveals Action Is Imminent

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now on: Soon it will be thumbs up here, too.

This remark typifies the spirit with which future developments are awaited there.

It is noted with lively satisfaction that consultations with China and the N.E.I. have proceeded at the same time with those with America on this vital Far Eastern crisis.

Britain To Back U.S.

WASHINGTON, July 25 (Reuter).—While Vichy "negotiates" under the threat of Japanese naval guns trained on Saigon, the stage here is being quietly set for American action. Reports from London that Great Britain will back up the United States to the hilt have been very well received.

Polliticians and others generally agree that a new American policy is in the making—and is one that will not be pleasant for Tokyo. It is widely felt that President Roosevelt would not have spoken so frankly on the reasons for the shipments of oil to Japan in the past two years if a change were not under way.

Moreover, reference by Mr. Sumner Welles, acting Secretary of State, to American National defence interests in his statement yesterday is regarded as a sure sign of stormy weather in the Pacific unless Japan changes her mind.

Press Demands Action

The United States press to-day continues to demand firm action. The "Washington Post" praises Mr. Welles' warning which "must be regarded as a certain prelude to action by the United States." Like Hitler, the newspaper adds, Japan cannot stop but must go from aggression to aggression and the United States cannot afford to let the Japanese occupation of French Indo-China go uncontested.

The "Washington Post" continues: "The time has come to apply against Japan all those economic and financial measures which with unbelieveable restraint we have thus far refrained from using against her."

The "Baltimore Sun" says that Japanese warships off Indo-China should mark the end of an American policy. Japan has gone ahead with new aggression, endangering American interests. The last reason for withholding effective sanctions has been brushed aside.

The "New York Times" declares: "We ought to impose an embargo, which means business."

Possible Reprisals

Meanwhile Washington is busy discussing the possible American action. It is certain that United States Government departments are discussing the following possible moves:

An embargo on oil shipments, cessation of gold purchases, the freezing of Japanese assets in the United States, the ousting of Japanese consular officials as in the case of Italy and Germany, and the seizure of Japanese ships in United States waters.

Any one or all of these actions may be taken when the Japanese begin to move into Indo-China.

Thailand's Hope Of Neutrality

BANGKOK, July 25 (Reuter).—The Thailand Premier Luang Pibul Songgram strongly emphasised Thailand's continued adherence to strict neutrality when he addressed the official delegation proceeding to Batumbong to take over Indo-China territory ceded under the Tokyo Treaty.

Trans-Jordan Wants Arab Unity

CAIRO, July 25 (Reuter).—Arab Chiefs and members of the Legislative Councils of Amman Trans-Jordan have telegraphed to the British and Free French authorities in Egypt and Syria, claiming that Trans-Jordan is an integral part of Syria. They express their determination to attain Arab unity which, they declare, is their national aim.

Stratosphere Attacks On Warships

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—American Flying Fortresses made the highest-ever R.A.F. operational flight when they pounded the German battleship Gneisenau, docked at Brest, in daylight on Thursday.

The Air Ministry gives this information in making known further details of the opening phase to the war in the stratosphere tonight. Bombs were rained down by men in oxygen chambers over 30,000 feet up. The bombers had to attack with precision, bombing the heavily-armoured warships protected by six-inch armour plating on their decks and having each 30 anti-aircraft guns.

Heavily Defended

One of the battle cruisers was lying in the most heavily defended base in Occupied France. Both ships were ringed with squadrons of German fighters and the whole attack was a typical example of the spirit expressed in the words of a Squadron Commander to his men: "Force your way in and fight your way out."

The arrival of the American Fortresses at so great a height over Brest was the achievement of experts in half a dozen sciences. At this level, all problems of high altitude flying become acute. The crews are given a course in pressure chambers before they begin to fly the Fortresses. Here they regulate their own oxygen supply and are told to let themselves become unconscious for a few seconds at least once so that they may realise that it is nothing to be frightened of. The crews understand their own idiosyncrasies and learn how to control them while flying.

Landed Burnt Out

The crews were given their instructions soon after breakfast and they immediately changed into flying kit. They took off and climbed tens of thousands of feet until they could see a distance of 150 miles. Battles were going on below as Hampdens and Wellingtons came in to attack.

In one combat, a large part of the fuselage of a Wellington was set on fire. It managed to land in England but was by then almost a skeleton. Pallies, saw a pillar of black smoke rise a thousand feet from the deck. Within a few hours of this attack, the nightly bombing of Germany was continued with no diminished effort. This also was against Germany's naval bases. A Kiel which appeared to be a shipbuilding ship was burnt out and both here and at Emden, there were other fires.

Direct Hit

The crew of a Halifax, which got a direct hit on the Scharnhorst, moored to the breakwater at La Pallice, saw a pillar of black smoke rise a thousand feet from the deck.

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Profits Drop In Japan

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, July 25 (Domei).—The combined profit rate of 85 representative industrial companies in Japan for the first half of the year showed a 4.7 per cent drop as compared with the second half last year, according to a survey by the "Asahi Shimbun."

Rope Company's Tramway Ordinance

It is notified in the Government "Gazette" that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to order that the duration of the rights, powers and privileges granted, made and maintained under the provisions of the Rope Company's Tramway Ordinance, 1901, be extended for a period of one year, from December 15, 1941.

Science Of Gas Warfare

Instructions To Nazis

MOSCOW, July 25 (Reuter).—Poison gas instructions to Nazi troops captured by the Russians and made available to foreign correspondents in Moscow, devote considerable attention to gunnery with gas shells and mines according to the Moscow Radio.

Moscow Radio gives extracts from these instructions. "The aim of gunnery with chemical missiles is to put the enemy out of action, hinder their operations, reduce their fighting power and to prevent the enemy from breaking through definite areas by the fear of contamination."

"The gas affects the enemy at a good distance from the point of burst, certainly beyond the range of shell splinters."

Moral Effect

"To this must be added the moral effect since it would be difficult to gauge the extent of the danger."

"The effectiveness of gunnery with poison gas depends a lot on the character of the terrain and weather conditions. Weather conditions for gas are calm weather or a hardly perceptible breeze, cloudy sky and weak action of the sun's rays. For use of certain gases, misty weather and dripping rain are desirable."

Matter of Routine

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—The Germans admitted to-day that plans for gas warfare had been issued to German commanders on the Eastern front. The statement was issued by the official German news agency and says that these rules are studied by the German military leaders "merely as a matter of routine."

Commenting on Russia's claim to have captured copies of the German rules, the agency says that "should Russia wish to make this alleged capture an excuse for beginning gas warfare herself, Germany will give the right answer."

INDIAN WAR MEASURES

SIMLA, July 25 (Reuter).—The Government of India has issued an order which comes into force immediately, placing a check on the import, manufacture and sale of essential drugs.

A manufacturer, importer or seller of such drugs must submit monthly returns of the quantity in his possession or control and must also keep a record of all purchases or sales.

Iron And Steel

SIMLA, July 25 (Reuter).—The Government of India has issued an order effective from August 1 to ensure that iron and steel produced in India is used only for defence and war supply purposes and really essential civil needs.

Systematic Bombing Of Russia

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done hope of an early capture of the Russian capital.

Private houses have been wrecked but there is no indication of any industrial damage or disruption of the railway systems which have always been the easiest objectives to repair.

Early Disaster

The Germans have learned several lessons since the first heavy toll was taken of their low-flying planes at the time of the first night attack. The Germans, impressed by the unexpected effectiveness of the anti-aircraft defences, are now keeping much higher.

German plans now seem to be based on repeated bombings of Moscow with a view to disorganising communications, wrecking factories and demolishing objectives which they would have preferred to capture intact. The Germans intend this seriously to undermine civilian morale and to lower Russian resistance.

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peace-time year, Japan, Manchukuo and Kwantung derived 21.2 per cent. of total world imports from the British Empire and 36.1 per cent. from the United States, while of the total Japanese exports, 22.1 per cent. went to the British Empire and 17.3 per cent. to the United States.

Chinese Puzzled

CHUNGKING, July 25 (Reuter).—Chinese circles here are not so concerned about when Japan will occupy Indo-China as they are at what steps Britain and the United States will take to meet the new situation in the Far East.

The official "China Central Daily News" says "that occupation of Indo-China will be merely a step in Japan's southward expansion programme. All Powers concerned in the Pacific must awaken to this situation, particularly Britain, the United States, the Netherlands and Australia. The democracies must not promptly and seize the initiative. We cannot wait until the enemy attacks. We must act now for the present moment will determine the future of the Pacific and the success or failure of the anti-aggression bloc."

While Chinese circles welcome the Washington denunciation of Japan, they are puzzled by the London statement that the Indo-China developments are not a threat to Singapore.

ESTATE OF SIR ARNOLD WILSON

Sir Arnold Wilson, M.P. for Hitchin, and former administrator in Iraq, who was killed in action last May while serving as pilot officer in the R.A.F., left £15,110.

AIR RAID TUNNELS

To be Opened to Public Upon Completion

At a Press conference yesterday, Wing-Commander A.I.S. Steele-Perkins, Director of Air Raid Precautions, revealed that the tunnel at Arsenal Street, Wanchai, was nearing completion, and would be opened to the public in conjunction with a proposed A.R.P. daylight exercise to be held in that district next month.

Other tunnels now under construction will also be opened to the public when completed.

Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins emphasised the fact that there was no fear of persons taking refuge in any of the tunnels being trapped in the event of one of the entrances being blocked, as there were from eight to nine exits from each group of dugouts.

Commenting on the last black-out exercises, the A.R.P. Director said that they were very successful, considering the adverse conditions which the public had to put up with.

Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins added that probably there would not be another black-out until the next quarter. Asked whether a surprise black-out would prove successful, he said that in all probability it would, but the only setback would be the inconvenience to the public.

U.S. AID FOR RUSSIA

WASHINGTON, July 25 (Reuter).

Mr. Sumner Welles at a Press conference to-day indicated that the Soviet Union were sending a special mission to the United States to negotiate the purchase of war supplies.

When questioned about it, Mr. Welles said that he could not say anything on the subject to-day but he underlined "to-day." He said that the Russian Ambassador, M. Oumansky had discussed orders that Russia wished to place in the United States, but Mr. Welles declined to give details.

Technical Officers

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter).—The Ministry of Home Security has placed two more highly qualified technical officers at the disposal of the Russian Government.

They are Professor W. N. Thomas, who is Professor of Engineering at the University of Wales and attached to the department of Research and Experiment of the Ministry of Home Security, and Captain L. M. Glinson, M.C., of the Ministry's Directorate of Camouflage.

Professor Thomas has specialised in research work on structural precautions.

INWARD AIR MAILS

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways" Direct Service—San Francisco date, 22nd July. ... July 25. Air Mail by "Pan American Airways" Direct Service—San Francisco date, 6th August. ... Aug. 12.

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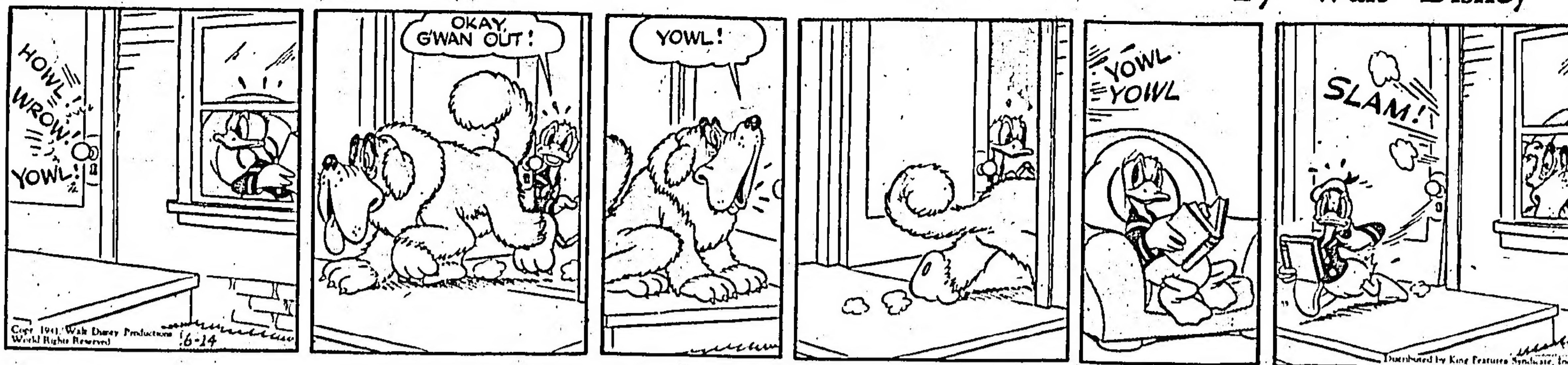
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By LARS MORRIS

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- 1-Torn pieces of cloth
- 2-Infused
- 3-Middle
- 4-Continent
- 5-Hood of predatory bird
- 6-Canadian province (abbr.)
- 7-Dining assisted by
- 8-Strawberry body
- 9-Make edging
- 10-Dye indigo
- 11-Remove hair
- 12-Buffage
- 13-Friend (French)
- 14-Republican New York (abbr.)
- 15-Technical connection to earth
- 16-Email, secluded valley
- 17-This direction of
- 18-Algebraic expression containing three terms
- 19-Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews (Latin abbr.)
- 20-Died covering
- 21-Famous canal
- 22-Native of New England city
- 23-Couches of wild animals
- 24-Incline
- 25-Hurds suddenly
- 26-Bitter resentment
- 27-Device for concentrating radiation
- 28-On the rounds
- 29-Collected facts

DOWN

- 1-Plotted made of logs
- 2-On the ocean of
- 3-Mature birth of
- 4-Man's nickname
- 5-Browned by sun
- 6-Work
- 7-Ornate covering
- 8-Protective skin
- 9-Laid money
- 10-Place of worship
- 11-Linger
- 12-Certified, as accurate
- 13-Child (Spanish)
- 14-Foreign resident
- 15-Speaking with smooth fluency
- 16-City in Nevada
- 17-Implement for propelling boat
- 18-Overcast
- 19-Haube
- 20-Longing to three
- 21-Colored part of eye
- 22-Cardinal point (Scottish)
- 23-Not as much
- 24-Those who produce enlargements
- 25-Mule
- 26-Of the moon
- 27-Bushy plants
- 28-Repeat
- 29-Ancient Roman
- 30-Animal
- 31-Precipitate, as ore
- 32-Crooked
- 33-Item of tall trousers
- 34-Impute upon
- 35-In this vicinity
- 36-Impute upon
- 37-Heard
- 38-With maiden name
- 39-Government in Finland

EUROPE'S CULTURE NOW CENTRES IN LONDON

By Janet Leeper

AS THE WAR EFFORT in England gathers ever increasing momentum, the cultural life of the nation goes on.

To the questions whether new books are being written and discussed, pictures painted, debates held, new plays put on in the West End of London, there can be but one answer. For what would it avail us if, having won the war, everything for which democratic people are fighting had been completely neglected in the years of struggle—all the world of mind and beauty, of creative thought and free expression.

So it is that a new concerto by a young English composer received its first performance in London in April, 1941. Bach's Passion Music and the great classical symphonies fill the Queen's Hall time after time.

Notable work is being done by painters. It is seen at the Royal Academy which opened, as usual, in May; and in the many individual exhibitions as well as the collection of commissioned war paintings on view at the National Gallery.

Sir James Jeans, in a lecture at the Royal Institution puts forward the latest discoveries on the physical nature of the planets. Works of research come from the University presses, and booksellers' tables are piled with interesting new publications history, fiction, belles-lettres, and serious studies of every kind, some of them bearing unfamiliar foreign names. Sales of books are increasing.

LIGHTING THE NEW DARK AGE

For London has in a true sense become the centre of European culture. The heart of Europe beats not at the centre but near the perimeter. So was it long ago in the Dark Ages, when the Irish monks kept alight the little flame which was to light civilisation on its way to a pagan continent. In the sixth and seventh centuries it was Irish missionaries who carried Christianity through pagan England—to France, Burgun-

dy, the valley of the Rhine and Switzerland to the heathen Bavarians.

Now Britain is shielding that self-same flame. The continent is again in the grip of paganism and longing eyes are turned to the country of free men where the mind is not enchained. Never have refugees of so many nationalities found asylum here. Not only from Germany and Austria do they come, but from Poland, Czechoslovakia, Norway, Holland, Belgium and France.

The stage has been further enriched by continental talent. Chamber music flourishes not only daily at the National Gallery but at the "Polish Hearth." The Czech Trio shows us how Dvorak should be played and no squadron of Czech airmen is without its virtuoso violinist.

POLISH POETS ARE LEARNING ENGLISH

Everywhere these gifted foreigners, fighting our common enemy, mingle with our native artists and join in our intellectual life. Professor Worm-Muller, Professor of History and Adviser to the Nobel Institute, leaves Oslo University where only "re-written" history books are in fashion in order to teach us the true meaning of the Nazi occupation, while Dr. Egon Wellesz, the leading European authority on Byzantine music and a refugee from Vienna contributes an important article on the subject to the new edition of that monumental work, Groves Dictionary of music.

Vienna, Prague, Warsaw: golden names, vanished glories. From Vienna to these shores has come the highly specialised art of photogra-

phic and colour reproduction for which she has long been famous, applied now for the first time to English subjects. Langer, the distinguished Czech playwright, is here. The Poles have brought their poets and their poets are learning English. We remember with gratitude that Conrad was a Pole and wonder if there is another Conrad among those sparse battalions who have fought so gallantly on many fronts?

Their countryman Topolski is here to record their exploits in paint and to trace with never-failing skill and humour the English war-time scene, grave and gay. An Anglo-Polish Ballet season has shown that the Polish national ballet is not dead, a Free Dutch matinee that Dutchmen are not only bilingual, but have brought their talents with them.

Britain, already rich in her own native gifts, has become the repository of a whole continental culture, the home of the unfettered national spirit of many nations now groaning under the Nazi yoke. Ever seeking new forms of expression, England herself is reflected in her literature, the most vigorous, the most varied in the world.

Free France finds her spiritual home in the liberal atmosphere of the capital. *La France Libre*, the monthly journal of the Free French edited by Andre Labarthe, maintains that high intellectual standard we expect from Frenchmen, and writers such as Eve Curie, Denis Saurat and Camille Haysman's contribute to it. Free French, Czech, Polish, German and Dutch newspapers are no longer free to express them in their own countries.

This vital intellectual force, this victory of mind over matter, of the world of the spirit over the world of tank divisions and mechanised armies bears the promise of the future. The arts flourish in Britain in spite of difficult time. They will return to the continent when the oppressed peoples have been liberated and the Second Dark Age is but an evil memory.

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Love under the Axis

WHAT would you feel like if your future hubby were to drag you—on your wedding day—to a veiled car immediately after the ceremony and then invite his friends to shoot at it to their heart's delight?

You would probably try to divorce him as quickly as possible.

But this is precisely what women have to put up with in some parts of Libya, and not even Graziani has been able to change the age-old custom of the "shooting of the bride".

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These swarthy brides of Libya, in fact, have to be more than courageous to decide on marriage, for if they are not very popular with all the menfolk, they may lose their lives on their wedding day.

After the ceremony, they are bundled on to a camel's back—all wrapped up in a four-square parcel so that no outlines can be distinguished—and then the menfolk fetch their rifles to do their "bride shooting."

Needless to say, most of them will fire without aiming. But if she happens to have one real enemy among them she is out of luck.

Only when she remains unscathed is she considered

worthy of the matrimonial stage and allowed to work for her husband—for the rest of her humble life.

Humbleness, in fact, is the keynote of married life under the shadow of Islam. In some towns one can see only negro women or the unveiled women of the Tauregs. The others stay in the house unseen and unheard by anybody but their husbands.

The master of the house wears the two pound key to her room proudly round his neck. To have more than one key hanging from one's neck is quite a social distinction.

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Only once a year these women are allowed out of their houses to go to the Mosque. And even if they leave their house for good, they don't go to a better world.

The beauties of the other world are for men only. The Koran promises that men will be rewarded over there with cool rivers and with lovely virgins, however, who have not been touched by "either Man's or Spirit's hands."

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ROOSEVELT'S EXTRA EYES, EARS AND LEGS

In the State Department offices in Washington of the five men pictured on this page are direct-wire telephones labelled *White House*. Those phones are going to be ringing a lot in coming months.

For with the \$7,000,000,000 arsenal programme under way, President Roosevelt—already known as "the world's busiest man"—is going to be busier than ever. And that will mean more work for his five executive assistants, Sherman T. Minton, James H. Rowe, Lowell Mellett, William H. McReynolds and Lauchlin Currie.

These are the men with "a passion for anonymity" who serve as additional eyes, ears and legs for the President.

The positions they hold as White House aides were created by the Reorganisation Act of 1939. The President's normal work schedule was then often running 12 and 13 hours a day.

This is what the five assistants (the act authorises appointment of a sixth) started out to do. But their jobs have broadened since then until to-day they work nearly 12 and 13 hours a day themselves. In addition to their own specialised duties, here are some of the jobs they handle:

(1) The ideas, suggestions and plans which don't fall within the scope of any government department or agency and

therefore are not readily assignable to a cabinet officer or agency head for report or action. (2) The plans that affect several different departments. (3) The plans or suggestions for inter-departmental co-operation.

The five aides also handle a great mass of White House work that the President must either attend to himself or delegate to persons in whom he has complete trust and confidence.

The President's need for a permanent staff of assistants—first time in United States history—is a measure of the increasing complexity of government business. To-day's war adds to that complexity.

President Harding had time for long poker games at night. President Coolidge had time for afternoon naps. But of President Roosevelt a Washington correspondent recently wrote:

"Work is almost his whole life."

JAMES H. ROWE, youngest of the five assistants, handles government legal matters and digests departmental memoranda for the President. Only 31, he studied law under Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter at Harvard, first went to Washington as law clerk for the late Justice Holmes. He went into government service with the Security Exchange Commission and later was assistant to James Roosevelt when he was FDR's secretary. He's big, carelessly dressed and from Montana.



WILLIAM H. McREYNOLDS, 61 and oldest of FDR's assistants, was appointed in 1939 to handle civil service problems. But now he's giving full time to his job as Secretary of the National Defence Council. He acts as a sort of clearing house for its business. The tall, angular Kansan has been in federal civil service since 1906, was former Assistant Director of the Budget and administrative assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury.



LAUCHLIN CURRIE has just made a quick, fact-finding trip to China for FDR. His report determines the extent of future U. S. financial aid to Chiang Kai-shek. The Nova Scotia-born, 38-year-old economist was appointed White House assistant in charge of finance, taxes and other economic problems in 1939. Prior to that he served on the Federal Reserve Board as assistant chief in the Division of Research and Statistics.



LOWELL MELLETT, a slight, genial man of 67, was editor of the "Washington News", then head of the National Emergency Council. In 1939 FDR appointed him executive assistant in charge of public relations and head of the Office of Government Reports, a clearing house for government information. This office has been accused of making plans for a war-dictated press censorship. Mr Mellett says the New Deal has "absolutely no plans" for a war censorship.



SHERMAN T. MINTON, 51-year-old former Senator from Indiana, was appointed a White House assistant Jan. 7. His specific duties haven't become clear yet but he's expected to be an eye, ear and leg man for FDR in political and legislative matters. Well dressed, tough-talking, the ex-lawyer served in the Senate from 1935 to 1941, was a member of the Senate Military Affairs Committee and was Democratic whip during its last session.

WARS ARE WON BY WEIGHT

By Philip Guedalla

Wars, in the last analysis, are won by weight. That is not to say that the heavier of two combatants wins of necessity. For if this were true, the name of Primo Carnera would be more honourably remembered in the prize-ring than the true masters of the craft. The simple fact is that a fighter's weight must be brought to bear upon his adversary; and if this is to be achieved, mere weight must be supplemented by skill, courage, quickness of eye, clever foot-work, and all the gifts that go to the make-up of a successful boxer.

The same is true of nations, when they confront one another in the prize-ring of history. Weight alone is not enough to ensure victory. For the iron scales of war weigh other factors in the balance which, no less visible, are the imperceptibles of history. When Mussolini matched his not too Roman legions against the relatively tiny forces of the Greeks, something went into the opposing scale which tilted it against him. This factor was not listed in the inventory of the armed forces which faced one another on the borders of Albania. The invading armies of the aggressor had more tanks, more bombers, more machine-guns than the opposing Greeks. But they had the skill and will to use them with more effect. The disastrous months of war that followed have the answer. For in the scales of history the soul of Greece weighs more than the inflated ego of an autocrat.

As the war unfolds, it is as well to watch the scales. For they foretell the result inevitably. On one side of the balance we can see the weight of Germany. What is there in the opposing scale? Even the most hopeful disciples of Dr Goebbels must admit that the United States weigh something. The will of a free people affects the balance, even when it is a small nation without resources in equipment and in capacity to produce it. Mussolini has already made that discovery in Greece. But when the free nation is one hundred and twenty millions strong and its industrial capacity is the greatest in the world, a President who throws that weight into the scales of war inclines the balance to some purpose. That is the simple meaning of the news from Washington. It cannot be exaggerated, because it is the largest factor in the world situation. There is no denying it. It has happened; and the scales tilt steadily against the lesser weight of Germany.

What can the enemy fling into the opposing scale to tilt the inevitable balance? The husk of empty France, sullen and soulless and already eaten hollow by the busy locusts of the Occupation; the empty shell of Holland; the silent devastation of indignant Norway. . . . These weigh little in the scales of history. True, there has been a swift endeavour to put the weight of Yugoslavia in the German scale. But the soul of Yugoslavia revolted at the thought. For when two of its neighbour states were already gagged and bound in the gangster's automobile, Yugoslavia displayed no enthusiasm for being taken for a ride in their silent company.

Survey the scales again. On one side the whole weight of the free world, and on the other the dwindling resources of a single continent in chains; on one side friends and allies, on the other a silent row of victims. History is not so unjust as to make crime prevail; and even if it were minded to, the silent force of gravitation would incline the scales.

HAS THE CHURCH LOST INFLUENCE?

By the Rev. L. B. ASHBY

THERE are two beliefs which the ordinary man of to-day may be said to have discarded. The first of these is popular atheism. Its day is long past. Modern science is steadily destroying the idea of a purely materialistic and mechanical universe, and is daily showing more clearly that the real basis of all that exists is something spiritual.

The other discarded belief is his almost blind faith in the essential goodness of humanity and the inevitability of progress towards an ultimate utopian state of society, in which organised religion will have become a superfluity.

The almost bestial barbarism of which men have shown themselves capable in recent years has disposed finally of the comfortable idea that the progress of civilisation can be taken for granted, or that, without some fresh spiritual impulse and guidance, man will ever be able to construct an ideal world by his own unaided powers.

Call In God

It is, however, just precisely this better world which fills his

thoughts all the time; and he is beginning to see that he will never realise his hopes, unless he is going to call in God to help him to find the way. The Christian Church has therefore a very great religious opportunity set before it at this present time.

The position is that there exists an enormous number of right-minded and well-disposed people who are desperately anxious to see this better world brought about, and who are anxious also to take a hand in creating it; but they are utterly at a loss what to do. They have an almost pathetic desire for spiritual guidance to be given to them, and they realise that if ever their hopes of seeing something like the Kingdom of God taking shape in the world are to be realised (after this war is over) they will need a sound basis of religion on which to build it.

Just Society

In this search for a just order of society, in which the freedom and basic rights of every individual shall be secured, it is to the Christian Church that the people should naturally turn for the guidance which they need. But it is just here, unfortunately, that the average man is conscious of acute disappointment.

The trumpet gives an uncertain sound.

"Calls to prayer," summonses to "national repentance" and "recalls to religion" carry very little weight with the average man, and he pays slight attention to them. He finds no help whatever in these abstract exhortations to repentance and righteousness, which leave him without any kind of guidance as to what are the particular social sins of which he ought to re-

pent, or what kind of behaviour (e.g., in the conduct of his business) is required of him in the future.

Unchristian Practice

He looks to the Church to speak out plainly in condemnation of unchristian principles and practices, and in support of every kind of reform which may help to promote both social and international justice.

Ordinary folk, in short, will give no serious attention to the Church, or to the claims of religion, until they find it proclaiming, in season and out of season, a gospel of practical reform, and saying to them with no uncertain voice, "Thus saith the Lord."

It is to this that the Christian Church must give its whole attention if it is not going to lose one of the very greatest spiritual opportunities which has ever been set before it.



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GANGSTER GOES TO WAR... by Morley Richards

PORTRAIT of Hitler's He was constantly at Hit- a Knight of the Iron Cross White Hope: he isler's side. Except for for breaking through the Erich Rommel, the man he Rudolf Hess, he is probably Maginot Line at Maubeuge sent to Tripoli to conquer the only man Hitler has with the Seventh Armoured Division.

It is as well to any real affection for. know the man General You see, he is the ideal Auchinleck opposes; you Hitler "yes-man." The 49- will hear a good deal more year-old son of a Bavarian of him before this war is workman, a conscript in the won.

Rommel, now a lieutenant-general, is that rarity a lieutenant without a fu- ant-general, in the German Army, a ture when the last war high officer not drawn from ended. He was one of the the Prussian military class, discontented thousands in No "von" nonsense about Germany who believed they Erich, nor the code of con- really won the war and duct—such as it was—that had been robbed of the most Prussian officers have fruits of victory.

He is a gangster general, trained in a harder school than Chicago. He was Hitler's thug organiser before he came to power. His band of gangsters ended up with a notable list of murders, maimings and burnings to its discredit.

Of course it was rather illegal, but when Hitler became Chancellor it could be put on a proper footing. So Erich became leader of the S.S. Black Guard, Hitler's private army which executes his private re- Polish horse cavalry with venges and guards his per- son.

Ideal material for Hitler.

The Austrian painter became Rommel's god. He gave the embittered young man all that he wanted—the power to take it out of some one, mostly Jews and political opponents, neither sex barred; he gave him money and a belief that with gangster methods developed on an international scale Germany could dominate the world.

When at last Poland made a stand for democracy it was Rommel who led a panzer corps against the conspicuous gallantry. Later in France Hitler made him

True, French resistance was almost at an end then, but Erich was entitled to his decoration, too.

So the colonel became a general, leader of the "Afrika Korps." Hitler gave him all the troops he wanted and told him to turn them into desert soldiers.

Erich got to work—on them and himself. They lived in artificially-heated quarters, brought up to desert temperature. They practised going without anything to drink for long stretches at a time.

The ex-gangster studied desert tactics. In France in 1915, when leading an infantry company against the French, he captured the Dieussou Valley by flank attack.

It must have stuck in his mind. Flanking attacks were the feature of his Cyrenaican advance. Till General Wavell very successfully outflanked him at Tobruk.

All was ready before Wavell had reached Benghazi. Rommel went to Hitler and said: "Mein Fuehrer, we can take Egypt."

The man himself? Some one who knows him told me: "He is like whiplash—wiry, sandy-haired, tough as you like, and I should say entirely without human feelings. A brave man so long as he has a gun and the other fellow hasn't."

Picturisation of the Stage Success



SYNOPSIS:

Dulcy Ward (Ann Southern), whose "heart is where her brain should be," is always trying to help people—and mending things up. She meets young Gordon Dulcy (Ian Hunter), who is having trouble selling an aeroplane motor he has perfected. Her brother Bill (Dan Dyer, Jr.) is having for its object the introduction of trouble influencing C. Roger Forbes (Roland Young), aeroplane manufacturer when "the stage was set, to let him marry his daughter Angela (Lynn Carver). Dulcy arranges a house party at the Ward lodge on Lake Opowataponomie to "fix" everything. Forbes must have a peaceful quiet time. Dulcy and a queer aviator (Reginald Gardner) who has brought a land plane down in the lake; he says he's Schuyler Van Dyke, financier. Henry, a servant, (Guinn Williams) is an ex-convict Dulcy has had paroled to her. Mrs Forbes (Billie Burke) is a bit flirtatious.

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RANDALL M. WHITE
from the comedy by
GEORGE S. KAUFMAN
and
MARC CONNELLY

The oil struck Mr Forbes in the eye. The far-away receiver clicked in to its hook.

Van Dyke's principal social activity while he waited at the lodge was a flirtation with Mrs. Forbes in that direction.

"We'll unveil it after he's had a wonderful meal and in the best of humour," she said to the young inventor who continued to doubt the wisdom of such unbusiness-like procedure—but couldn't do anything about it.

And Dulcy meant "unveil" it—she had the motor set up in a convenient room and covered with a sheet.

The wonderful meal which was counted on to soften the irascible Forbes was a steak fry prepared with the aid of the Ward's barbecue equipment of which they were particularly proud. It didn't go so well. Dulcy painted the guest of honour with melted butter just as he was showing signs of personal interest and was attempting to cook his own steaks. A shifting wind filled his eyes with smoke when the group. Schuyler Van Dyke's party sat down to eat. When a sudden violent rainstorm drove them all into the house Mr Forbes was fit to him commanding position and great wealth had been the envy of Dulcy's introduction of the motor the head of Forbes Aeroplanes; here was finally made in terror as the was one man Mr Forbes was quite willing to follow in judgment—and outwit if he could.

Chapter Four

Others at the Ward lodge, not excluding C. Roger Forbes, were quite as much impressed as Dulcy with the importance of the chance addition to their group. Schuyler Van Dyke's party sat down to eat. When a sudden violent rainstorm drove them all into the house Mr Forbes was fit to him commanding position and great wealth had been the envy of Dulcy's introduction of the motor the head of Forbes Aeroplanes; here was finally made in terror as the was one man Mr Forbes was quite willing to follow in judgment—and outwit if he could.

Without changing his dripping clothes, and with no indication that his sodden condition annoyed him, the rescued aviator, from the privacy of the library of the lodge, put through a telephone call to New York City.

"Hello, this is Schuyler Van Dyke," he said when the number he had asked for answered. "I'd like to talk to my secretary."

The girl at the other end of the line gave a start, then glanced through an open door to make sure that her employer—the man she had always thought was Schuyler Van Dyke—was seated at his desk.

"Just a minute, please," she called back into the transmitter.

At her employer's desk she said excitedly: "Mr Van Dyke, there's a man on the phone who says he's Mr Schuyler Van Dyke!"

"There's a what?" her employer exploded—and, then more calmly, as what she had said sank in—"Wait a minute! I think I know who it is. Have the call switched in here . . . Patterson! Patterson!"

The associate he had called hurried in from another office.

"That insane brother of yours—" the real Van Dyke began.

"Schuyler, please—" interrupted Patterson, hurt.

"—is on that phone this minute unless I miss my guess," continued the other, angrier than ever. "Speak to him—and get my plane back!"

Mr Patterson got on the wire. "This is Homer Patterson," he said.

"Oh, yes, Homer. I'm glad it's you," came the voice from the lodge by the lake. "I've been having a little trouble."

"What kind of trouble?" asked Homer.

"Well," said the masquerading Van Dyke, "it's really very amusing. I forgot which plane I had out and landed in Lake Opowataponomie. Of course, it sunk!"

Patterson could hear the light, childish chuckle that accompanied this amazing statement. He could see the hard, angry eyes of the man who owned the aeroplane. "I see," he said calmly continuing the phone conversation. "And where are you now?"

"I just told you—Lake Opowataponomie," was the answer.

The real Van Dyke tugged at Homer's sleeve. "What about my plane?" he said in a whispered growl.

"Just a minute," Homer apologised to the long-distance caller, as he placed his hand over the transmitter.

"He landed it in Lake Opowataponomie," he said to the real Van Dyke.

"In a lake? He couldn't have done that—it would have sunk!" was the surprised response.

"It did!" said Patterson quietly. "Blast it, Patterson, why don't you put that twinkletop in a padded cell where he belongs?" bellowed the man at his elbow.

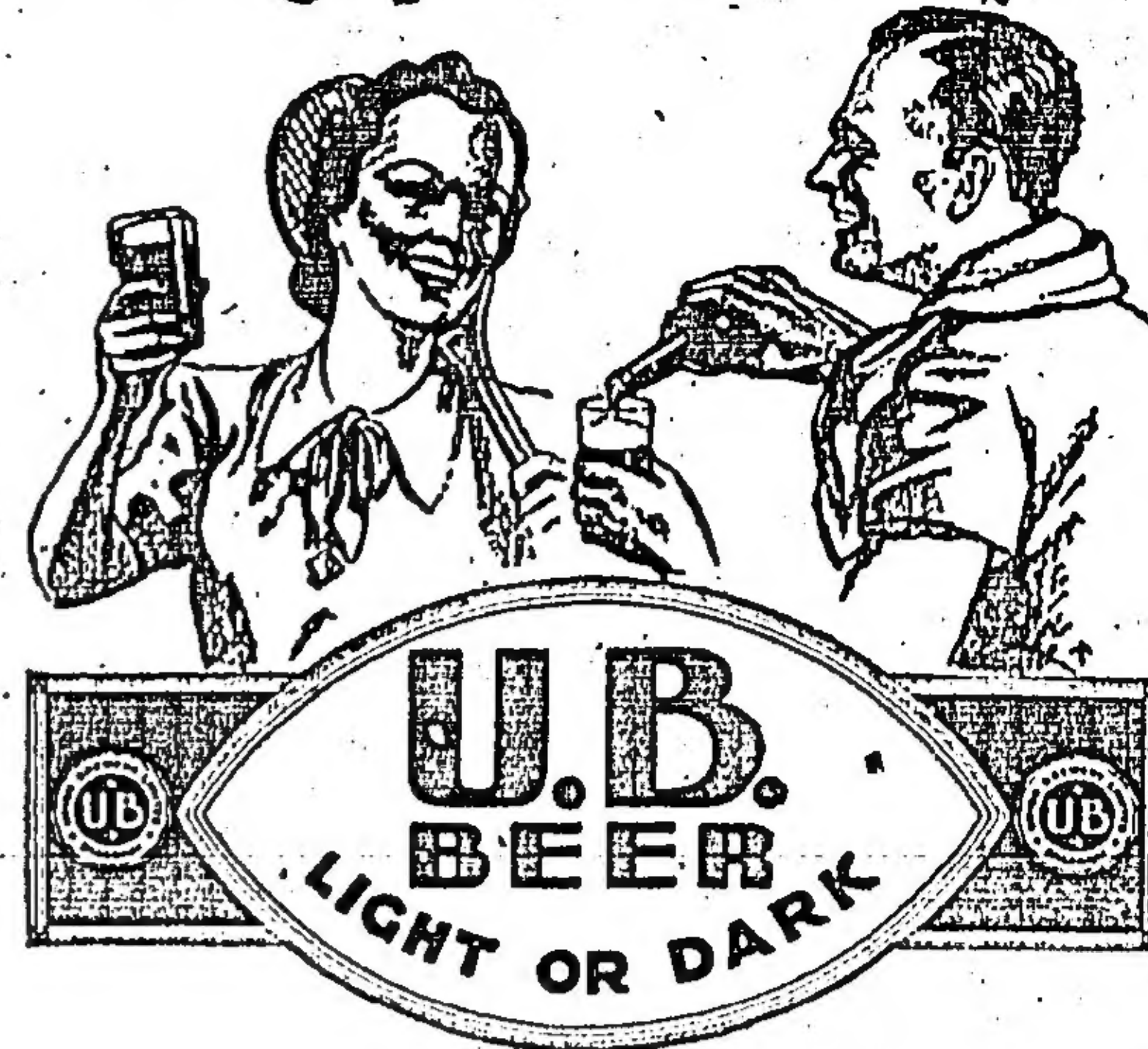
"Quiet, please, Schuyler—I'll pay you for your plane," pleaded Patterson. "Just give me a chance to find out where he is."

"At what part of the lake are you staying?" he continued as he removed his hand from the mouthpiece.

"A-ha—that's for you to find out!" was the not unexpected answer as

Van Dyke, with "delusions of grandeur," buys Gordon's motor—in the next chapter.

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Baseball Writers' Gala Night

Annual Dinner Becomes National Event

(By "Ball Fan")

Among the many baseball gala affairs held annually in America during the hot-stomping months, the annual dinner of the New York Chapter of the Baseball Writers' Association stands out as a unique entertainment and has already become a national sporting event of importance.

The idea started back in 1923 when a group of New York baseball writers, attending a conference in Chicago, told Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis, czar of baseball, that they and the gang back in the big metropolis were going to throw a party for him the next time he visited New York.

To-day, the Baseball Writers' Dinner, held annually at the Commodore in Manhattan, holds a place of its own. It's an event spotlighted throughout the United States and Canada.

It is an unusual affair. Never has a member of the fair sex sat at one of the tables. Yet the absence of women from this feast is no reflection on the type of entertainment.

Tickets for this annual dinner, since its inception, has always been ten dollars per plate, except to the group of two hundred baseball men who are special guests of the writers. A month before the dinner, the writers open headquarters at the Commodore, take over a suite, move in a piano, hire a musical director and go to work. The entire programme of entertainment is carefully rehearsed, dealing as far as possible with baseball happenings of the previous year.

It is a grand night of entertainment. By songs and gags, and in a minstrel setting, the men who write baseball lampoon their guests with emphasis on the fact that the cars of no guest shall hear an offensive line.

At the outset the entire thought in the staging of this dinner was one of fun and amusement, but as the years went by there was a tendency to add sentiment to fun.

And so it is that each year the

writers bestow testimonials, one for unusual services in the year just gone by, and one for the contribution to baseball over an extended period.

MANY songs have been written for this annual gala dealing with happenings and conditions of the changing years. When Judge Emil Fuchs decided to become manager of the Boston Braves, a Gilbert and Sullivan parody was written and sung at the dinner. "Here's the Fat Old Pilot of the Boston Braves," which scored a tremendous hit.

Minstrel shows have been the background of the writers' shows since 1926, furnishing as it does the best outlets for gags and songs. A few extra skits add to the hilarious impersonations each year.

An "amateur hour" introduced many baseball celebrities to the microphone in 1936, and a neighbourhood contest added to the gaiety of the 1937 dinner.

HOWEVER there have been moments when the spirit of fun and levity gave way to sentiment and tribute. Among those who have acclaimed before what is perhaps the most representative baseball gathering of the years are: John McGraw, Miller Huggins, Wilbert Robinson, Bill Terry, Lou Gehrig, Hank Greenberg, Tony Lazzeri, Dizzy Dean and Carl Hubbell.

Speech-making is confined as much as possible to a light vein. Laughs and more laughs is the slogan. Twice Will Rogers stood on the dais and talked for more than an hour.



SOUTHWARD BOUND

"Where was that?"
"Peterborough. Only one more hour to King's Cross."
"Good. Wonder how Town's looking these days."
"Pretty good, I should say. Any place would look good after a spell of the Northern Patrol. What are you going to do it?"
"Oh, the usual things. Art galleries. Museums. Feeding the ducks in St. James's Park."
"Neither an I. I'm going to step high, wide and handsome in spite of the bombs. By the time I've finished the metropolis will be painted a chaste crushed strawberry."

"Well. Well. Boys will be boys. Only beware of pickpockets, don't play billiards with strangers for money, and always wear flannel next your skin."
"I hear you, uncle. And now, take a tip from me. Try and remember this time to mix some Rose's Lime Juice with your gin. Or take a long one to wind up the seemingly fun and games. There's no time for mornings-after on a seven days' leave."
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Interesting Third Round Rink Games To-morrow

Recreio-I.R.C. Clash at K.C.C.

THIRD ROUND MATCHES in the Open Rinks Championship to-morrow are of an interesting variety. Foremost attractions are the games at the Kowloon Cricket Club and at the Kowloon Football Club. On the first named green, the strong fours from Recreio and the Indian R.C., L. J. Silva, A. M. Rodrigues, F. V. V. Ribeiro and H. A. Alves (skip) and J. Hoosen, A. M. Rumjahn, A. R. Dallah and M. R. Abbas (skip), meet, and on the second named green J. A. Luz, C. E. Marques, L. F. Xavier and J. F. V. Ribeiro play L. Sykes, W. McNeill, R. Duncan and A. J. Hall.

In the first of these games I would hesitate a long while before placing a bet, but in the case of the second the odds, although slight, seem in Hall's favour.

The complete programme of matches is as follows:

At Kowloon F.C.

J. A. Luz, C. E. Marques, L. F. Xavier and J. F. V. Ribeiro v. L. Sykes, W. McNeill, R. Duncan and A. J. Hall.

At Kowloon C.C.

L. J. Silva, A. M. Rodrigues, F. V. V. Ribeiro and H. A. Alves v. J. Hoosen, A. M. Rumjahn, A. R. Dallah and M. R. Abbas.

At Kowloon B.G.C.

R. Bass, A. E. Coates, J. S. Landolt and C. S. Rosset v. E. L. Strange, S. Strange, C. Strange and H. E. Strange.

At Recreio

J. E. Henson, P. A. Peckham, R. P. Phillips and A. Hyde-Lay v. A. M. Omar, K. M. Omar, B. W. Bradbury and U. M. Omar.

At K. Dochs

H. R. Pinna, A. M. Xavier, B. Basso and A. P. Gutierrez v. A. E. Atkins, G. E. F. Thompson, H. White and J. G. Meyer.

At Craigengower

W. McLeod, W. G. Harris, W. S. Dail and J. Shepherd v. R. Main, J. Watson, W. Melrose and J. Chalmers.

At Police R.C.

P. D. Crawley, E. Kinnon, S. Ecclesham and W. J. Burling v. G. Elphick, H. Bicknell, C. E. Langley and L. Jordan.

At Hongkong F.C.

T. L. Lock, E. Zimmerman, W. K. Way and T. A. Madar v. J. W. Harrop, G. V. McGrath, G. B. Foster and T. Phil.

Lawn Bowls Sweep Draw

Draw for the weekly lawn bowls sweep was made this morning and resulted as follows:

FIRST DIVISION

Recreio "A" (35) v. Recreio "B" (586)
C.C.C. (506) v. Police (212)
K.C.C. (101) v. Prison G.C. (174)
C.S.C.C. (593) v. K.C.C. "A" (521)
Indian R.C. (554) v. K.B.G.C. "B" (437)

SECOND DIVISION

Recreio (322) v. H.K.F.C. (102)
H.K.C.C. (239) v. Prison G.C. (174)
Kowloon C.C. (563) v. Tai Koo (197)
Kowloon F.C. (564) v. Craigengower (114)
K. Tong (111) rests.

THIRD DIVISION

Craigengower (68) v. Recreio (389)
K.B.G.C. (237) v. Indian R.C. (272)
H.K.C.C. (103) v. Electric (593)
Police (590) v. H.K.C.C. (291)
Kowloon F.C. (291) rests.

1941 Was To Have Been Gene Sarazen's Year

Seven Titles Thrown Away

This was going to be Sarazen's year in the Open. Squire Gene said so. "Those drives can't go wrong, so it's my year."

Sarazen grinned happily. "I've got those woods in the groove and when I'm hitting the fairways I'm a tough guy to lick."

The "gentleman farmer" from Connecticut said he has seldom hit better tee shots and brasses from the fairways than he did the other day in the Goodall Round Robin golf tournament at Fresh Meadow on Long Island.

He tied for second and believes if his putting had been a trifle better he'd have won easily. "I've a hunch my putting is going to be hot in Texas," he observed.

Gene was playing in his 22nd consecutive National Open championship when he teed off at Colonial, June 5. And while the usually little Roman has won or tied for more Open championships than any other professional in the last two decades—he won in 1922 and 1932 and tied in 1940—he figures he has lost more crowns by a stroke or two than any other golfer you can mention.

Seven Lost Titles

SARAZEN stuck out a sun-tanned hand and tabbed off on stubby, thick fingers the titles he had tossed away.

1. Away back in 1925 a five on the short fourth hole in the last round, when he was trapped, cost him two strokes—the ones that would have tied him with Willie MacFarlane and Bob Jones for the U.S. Open.

2. Two years later a colossal 7 on the par 6 ninth hole at Oakmont lost the same title for Gene. He

finished a shot back of Tommy Armour and Harry Cooper.

3. Then there was the time in 1928 when he disregarded a caddy's advice in the British Open. It was on the 14th hole at Sandwich.

The old Scottish bag-lugger suggested a safe 5-iron short of a canal across the fairway, but hold Sarazen struck with a spoon for the green—and landed in the water.

The resultant 7 caused him to finish two blows out of a tie for first. 4. Sarazen needed par fours on the closing two holes to be Bob Jones and Al Espinosa in the 1929 National Open. But he missed both greens with his approaches and wound up two shots away.

5. And then there was Holl's Bunker. That was a fearsome trap on the 14th hole in the 1933 British Open. Sarazen plumped into the trap, blasted around like a duffer and finally holed out in 8. He finished two shots off the pace.

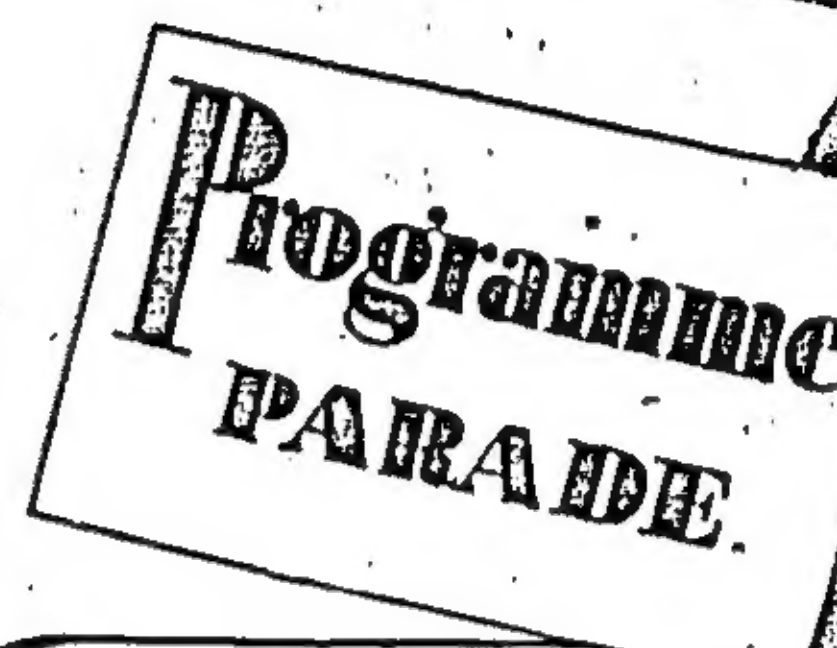
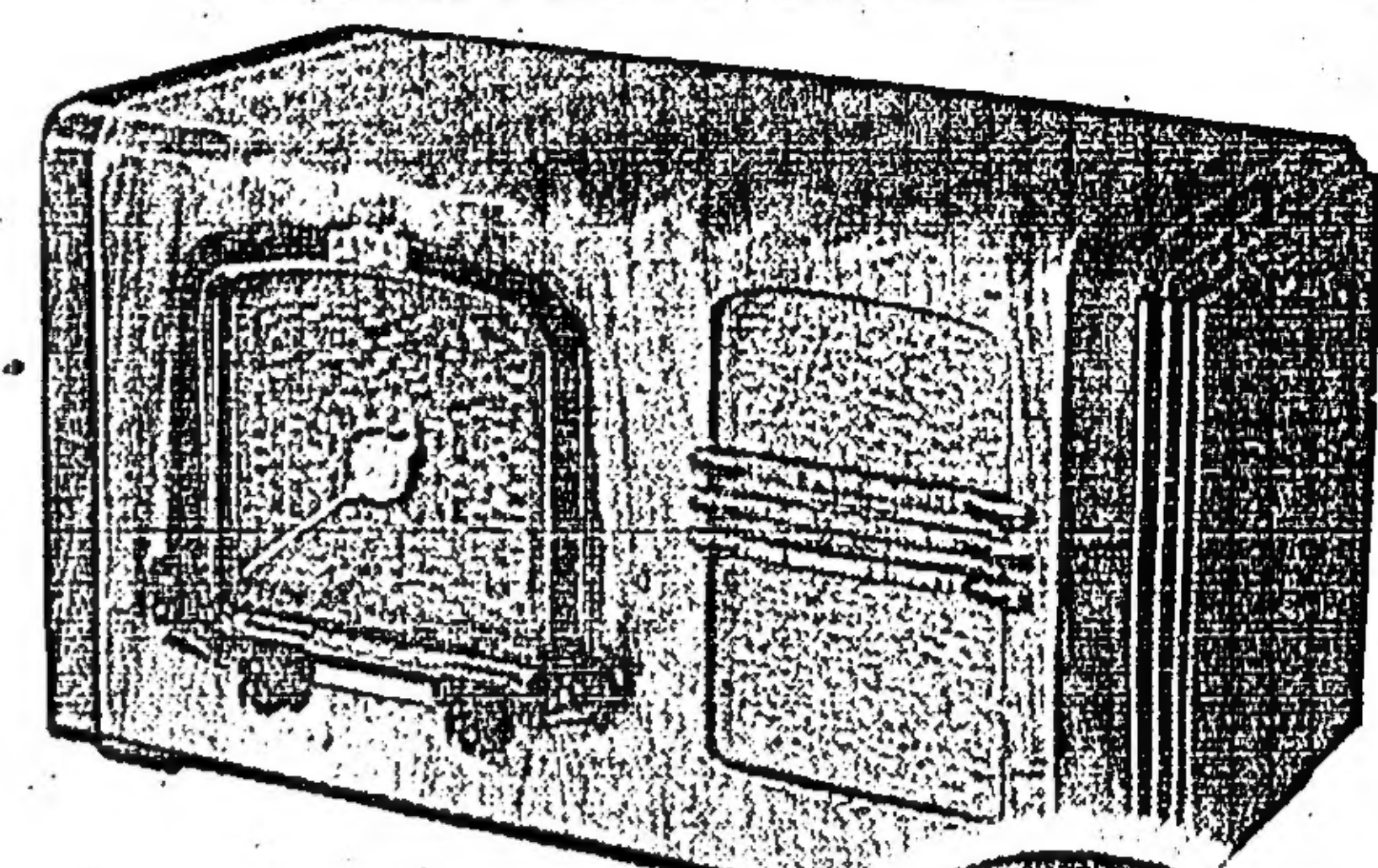
6. The following year he threw away the U.S. Open with another 7. It was on the par 4 eleventh hole and Olin Dutra beat him out by a single shot.

7. And last year: It was a pair of 4's on the short third and seventh holes of the final round that prevented him from sneaking in a stroke or so lower than Lawson Little, who beat him in the play-off. 8. He was bunkered from the third and needed three shots from the edge of the seventh green.

Gene can laugh about those misplays now. "Can you name any other golfer who threw away seven major championships?" he asks.

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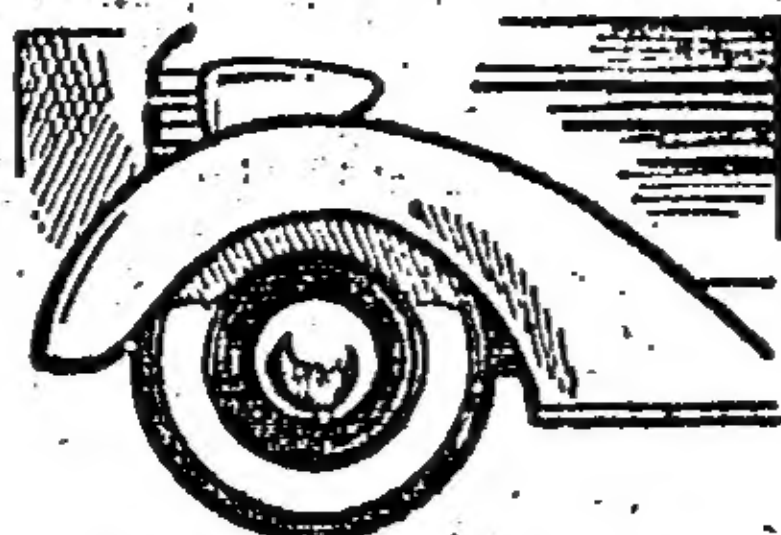
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DEATH

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AXIS WEAKENS

IT has been reported by the Moscow radio that Hitler and Mussolini are to meet once again at the Brenner Pass. The meeting, important it may be from most points of view is worth recording, as hitherto these meetings have always been part of some larger diplomatic whole. Mussolini's presence at this time has, however, no more significance than the presence of a Quisling from one of the occupied territories or a Darlan from France, but the propaganda value of the meeting lies in the weight it can give to Hitler's diplomatic manoeuvring. It also indicates that weak and helpless as Italy is, the force of pretending that she is still a partner in the Axis, is necessary; proof that Hitler is not strong enough to throw off all pretence as to Mussolini's real position to-day.

It is reported that the questions to be discussed include the replacement of German troops in certain areas by Italians; the fight against Britain and the position of France. These subjects do not indicate a conference of "conquerors flushed with victory"—they rather underscore some of the difficulties which circumstances are forcing upon Hitler. German soldiers in certain occupied areas is a dangerous expedient and one that Hitler would not take were it not urgent for him to gather his own Nazi troops together for work elsewhere. As a guarantee for Italy's good behaviour and efficiency he is said to be dangling before his beaten and humiliated erstwhile partner, the two long-coveted prizes—Corsica and Savoy.

But while Mussolini could be easily disposed of—his only hope of safety lying in Hitler's continued success—the Italian soldier who has had some salutary lessons in regard to Mussolini's fascist policy must also be reckoned with. It is inconceivable that he should remain blind to the fact that Mussolini has lost the Italian Empire; he must know that it was only the timely intervention of Germany that spared him the loss of Albania; he sees misery, espionage and want at home and still more he is surely capable of realising that German bureaucracy is the guide in all Italy's domestic matters. Chafing under these blows it is doubtful whether he can become a good substitute for the Nazi still blinded by victory propaganda. At the same time the giving away of Corsica and Savoy is a reward for good behaviour is not likely to improve Germany's relations with France where as time goes on and the true status of the Vichy Government becomes better understood, the hatred of Nazism steadily gains ground. Hitler has in all probability no choice with the enormous demands the Russian campaign is making on his reserves of men and materials, but his turning to Italy for help at this time is a clear confession of a weakness, which, however adroitly cloaked by the Brenner talks, is nevertheless developing.

WHATEVER ONE'S RELIGIOUS BELIEF may be, one can not help admiring those sincere men and women who deem it their duty to proclaim their faith to their brethren in distant lands. The missionary, irrespective of creed, is a heroic personality, and the disseminator of doctrines that create revolutionary movements of momentous import. For religion is a vast dynamic force that changes the lives of men and women more completely than any other factor.

It was the missionary zeal of Constantine the Great that made the Roman Empire Christian almost overnight. It was this same ardent spirit that motivated the prophet Mohammed, who in a few short years converted the Bedouin tribes of the Arabian desert and sent them forth as conquering warriors on the path to glory and fame.

Missionaries have always laboured with the greatest success in China. To begin with, missionary work had its inception in this ancient land when the Buddhist priests, Kasyapa Maitanga and Gobharana, arrived from India in the year 67 A. D. Although the former died soon after his arrival in the Middle Kingdom, the latter attained a ripe old age and accomplished great work in connection with the faith.

BUDDHISM, BY THE THIRD CENTURY A. D. had become an important rival to Taoism, and was largely studied by the Confucian literati. The deep spiritual influences of ancient India created a heaven in the religious life of Cathay, and Buddhism gradually became the leading

belief of the country, so that by 381 A. D., nine-tenths of the Chinese people were adherents of the new faith. So powerful was the influence of Buddhism among the common people, that even the period of official persecution from 420 to 451 A. D., in which many devout monks lost their lives, failed to curb the zeal of the faithful. When the edict against Buddhism was finally revoked in 454 A. D., the religion established itself more firmly than ever. Cities in the Empire vied with one another

in the erection of sacred edifices, so that by 530 A. D. there were over thirteen thousand Buddhist temples in North China alone.

Moslem missionaries began their labours in China during the early period of the T'ang dynasty (A. D. 618-906), at which time a community of Arabian merchants was established at Canton. One of the first Mohammedan missionaries to the Middle Kingdom was reputed to have been Wakha'az, the maternal uncle of the great Prophet. His tomb may still be seen at the ancient mosque known to the Chinese as the Ts'ing-chun-tze, or the "Temple of the Pure Truth," which is located a short distance from the former northern gate of Canton.

CHRISTIANITY HAS RUBBED SHOULDERS with the other religious faiths of Cathay ever since the Nestorian sect established a mission at Singanfu

THE TREK OF Missionaries In China

By T. PAUL GREGORY

best to follow his example. At any rate, from this time onward the Nestorian Church disappeared from Chinese history. Catholic missions which have laboured in China with great success, may be said to have commenced their activities in the fourteenth century. Many of the ablest Catholic missionaries have been scholars at the Imperial Court in Peking. Matteo Ricci (1552-1610) was among those learned men who served the Church in China. He translated Euclid into the Chinese language in 1607, and with his colleagues made Western astronomy known to the Orient.

PROTESTANT MISSIONARY EFFORTS in China commenced with the work of the Rev. Robert Morrison, an Englishman, who arrived in Canton in the year 1807. His life story is a familiar one to many. But his literary work was outstanding. To his credit stands the trans-

lation of the Bible, and the compilation of several excellent volumes on the Chinese language, including a dictionary and a grammar. By his death in 1834, the Protestant Church lost one of its ablest men.

American Protestants began their labours in China in 1829, with the arrival of the Rev. E. C. Bridgman, who shortly became one of the best Cantonese scholars of his day. "The Chinese Chrestomathy", published in Macao in 1834, was (and still is) one of the best works on the Chinese language, and may be consulted with advantage by any one interested in the intricacies of Cantonese.

From the 'thirties onwards, missions in China have flourished like bay trees. Of the thousands of missionaries in the field, some have achieved fame as scholars of the highest merit, and their works on the Chinese language, geography, and customs have largely contributed to making China known to the West.

BUT THE GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT of all has been the part played by missionary influence in the cataclysmic changes that have occurred in China during the last hundred years. The abortive T'ai-p'ing Rebellion in the 'fifties was begun by a Hakka schoolmaster who founded a creed based on the imperfectly understood teachings of missionaries. Had this struggle against the Manchu Dynasty been successful, China would possibly have become a world power long ago.

The abolition of foot-binding was agitated by missionaries for years, and it is probable that the teachings of Christian schools were largely instrumental in creating the restless spirit among young Chinese intellectuals that resulted in the overthrow of the Imperial regime and the establishment of the Chinese Republic.

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Overture; "Helen"—Sleep On; Galatée.
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8.00 London—The News.
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8.30 London—Special Broadcast to the British Forces in the Far East.
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9.45-10.00 News in French (On Short Wave Only).
9.45 The Hill Billies.
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1.00 Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.
1.02 Reginald Footit at the Organ.
Medley of Dalc's Favourites; Reminiscences of the Gaiety Theatre.
1.15 Concert Waltzes.
Springtime Waltz; Fanny and Waltz (Folk Tune); Children of Spring (Waldteufel); Blue Danube (Johann Strauss).

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.
1.45 Schubert Songs.
Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano) with Gerald Moore (Piano).
1.55 Schubert—Divertissement a La Hongroise, Op. 54.
Arthur Schnabel and Karl Ulrich Schnabel (Piano Duo).
2.30 Close Down.
2.30 Indian Programme.
7.15 A Light Orchestral Programme with William Bownlow (Baritone) and Elsie Ackland (Contralto).
8.00 London—The News.
8.15 London—War Commentary.
8.25 London—"Listening Post".
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8.30 Programme Summary.
8.32 Alfred Cortot at the Piano.
9.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.
9.02 Cello Solos by Pau Casals.
Menuet (Debussy); Gavotte Tendre (Hillemacher); Chanson Villageoise (A Village Song—David Popper); Aires Un Reire (Gabriel Faure).
9.15 Studio—Book Reviews.
9.30 Massenet—Le Cid—Ballet Music.
The New Symphony Orchestra conducted by Eugene Goossens.
9.45-10.00 News in French (On Short Wave Only).
9.45 The B.B.C. Wireless Singers.
Crown of Life (Based on "Poet and Peasant" Overture—arr. M. Farrar); The Long Day closes (Chorley and Sullivan); O Gladstone Light (The Golden Legend—Sullivan).
10.00 London—The News and News Commentary.
10.15 K.P.E. Bach Concerto for Orchestra in D Major.
Allegro moderato—Adagio—Allegro.
Serge Koussevitzky and the Boston Symphony Orchestra.
10.32 Studio—Sunday Evening Epilogue.
Conducted by a Priest of the Church of England.
10.50 Close Down.

Germans Fear The Winter

Raids And Food Shortage
LISBON, July 25 (Reuter).—The inhabitants of Berlin are anticipating and "fervently preparing" for heavy R.A.F. raids when the nights get longer, according to a well-informed neutral personality who has just arrived here from the German capital. He told "Reuter" that on leaving Berlin a German friend, bidding him good-bye, said: "Lucky devil! Pray for us next winter."

Two bogies in the minds of the people are fear of the R.A.F. and of food shortage next year.

The Germans also fear that the history of the last war will be repeated when the "Americans are further in this war."

The neutral added: "There is profound disappointment and much complaining throughout Germany over the course of the war in Russia."

BEHIND THE HEADLINES

JOHN BLUNT urges: DO SOMETHING ABOUT RICE

IF MARIE ANTOINETTE were living in the Far East to-day, she would probably reply to the suggestion that people could not afford to buy rice with the fatuous rejoinder—"Let them eat chicken and noodles!"

The tragic seriousness of the rice problem was recently driven home to me in a most convincing manner.

I was strolling around a friend's garden, admiring his chickens, when the "boy" interrupted us with "Chicken rice has come." He produced a small parcel containing ten pounds of floor sweepings. "Is that all there is for a dollar?" his master asked; and turning to me, he said, "Just imagine the poor devils earning a few cents a day who have to exist upon rice!"

The boy explained that not many moons ago, the parcel he was holding in his hand could have been bought for very little money.

THE EXPERIENCE set me thinking—and enquiring. I have been able to glean but little, except the fact that rice is so precious to-day that, although the staff of life to thousands of Chinese, it has risen to the luxury level. It must be bought sparingly, eaten sparingly and, what is more, the quality cannot be questioned, no matter how it is adulterated with indifferent, undesirable or broken varieties.

The scourge of war has interrupted normal trading conditions, and, as so often follows, as soon as the demand exceeds the supply, panics set in and exact their gain. In normal times, diseases born of malnutrition exact a terrible toll of life from our Chinese population. Many, certainly the majority of deaths can be traced to the lack of secure a sufficiency of food. Shortage, or unsuitable grades of rice, it is generally recognised that the polished variety is directly responsible for beriberi, from which so many die week in and week out. I am not qualified to deal with this aspect, but I have been assured that an under-milled rice is obtainable at moderate price, which does not possess the danger of the polished variety. Further, that it could be placed on the market as a standard grade, and thus, not only improve the health of

JOHN BLUNT

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 1941.

These exclusive "Telegraph" pictures were taken by "Newsreel" Wong on his recent trip to the South Seas



New anti-tank gun being operated by a Dutch and a Javanese soldier of the N.E.I. defence forces.

THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES are gradually adjusting themselves to a condition of war wherein sacrifices and alteration of daily life are now common, reports John M. Raleigh, United Press Staff Correspondent, in his latest dispatch from Batavia.

Since May 10, 1940, when the Indies awoke to the shock of Hitler's Nazi legions pouring into Holland, the Dutch in the NEI have had to adopt an entirely new way of life in accordance with a policy that was foreign to everything these rich islands have embodied for decades.

From easy occupation as tea planter, rubber estate manager or import or export merchant, colonial Hollanders suddenly faced the menace of total war. That meant that sleazas in the afternoon's heat, long week-ends in the mountain, and a nearly courtly manner of conducting business, all had to stop.

Air raid precautions had to be organised. The army faced the task of multiplying its numbers at the shortest possible time. Navy officers submitted plans for new harbours, dry docks, submarines of the latest type and more flying boats to patrol six-thousand miles of coastline.

Orders for American fighters and bombers were rushed to aeroplane factories in the United States.

In North Java, munition and powder plants increased their staffs, organised new departments and hastily built storage caves back in the impenetrable mountain country.

A hundred different efforts began at once. While emergency economic control was set up, and the new expanded defence forces underwent arduous training, the NEI air raid precautions department began to educate the population in vital preparations against air attacks. In a few months, hundreds of shelters were constructed in Batavia alone.

What the Dutch have done to ensure the security of one of the world's richest territories in a scant twelve months is surprising.

Army and navy officers, facing realities, admit that NEI do not constitute an elongated Gibraltar, but the islands, as prepared as they are now, are not easy to invade.

Air patrols maintain a vigilant watch over the coast day in and day out, while thousands of alert young men have been absorbed into an efficient air force, equipped with the latest types of aircraft and served by more than fifty aerodromes.

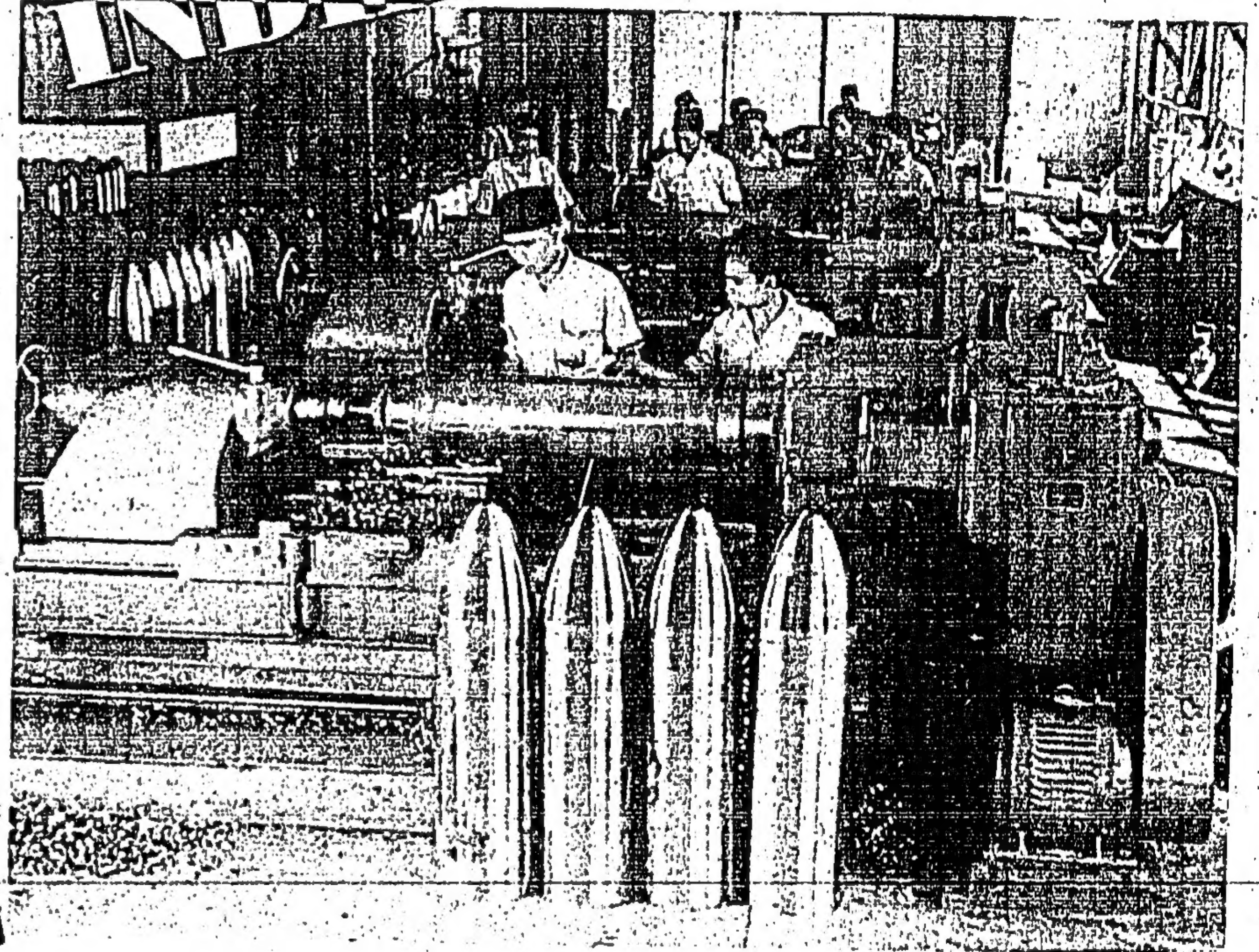
The NEI Army is fast becoming completely motorised. Automobile assembly works and factories in Java have supplied several thousand trucks, combat cars and light carriers for the troops. The goal is an entire force on wheels.

The artillery of the defence forces is not extensive, but the greater part of the army possess the full complement of guns and gunners. There are also formidable tank units.

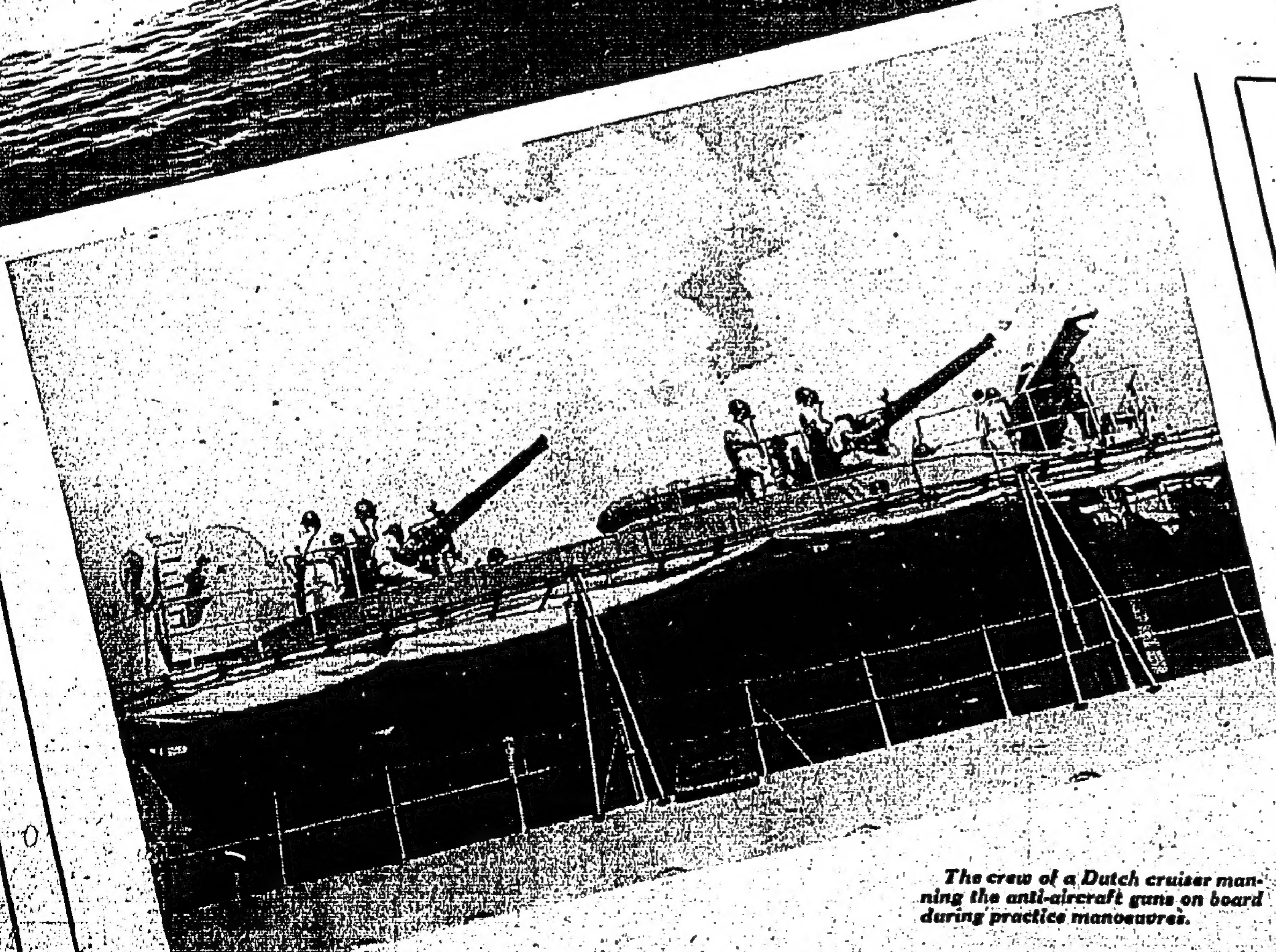
The NEI is also training parachute troops, though their strength and combat methods—which must be fitted for tropical warfare—remain a secret.

Food is no problem; for the islands produce enough to supply the population for years.

NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES TO-DAY



LEFT—A Dutch motor torpedo-boat unit going out to sea for practice. ABOVE—Interior view of an East Indies arsenal, showing Javanese workers engaged in shaping aerial bombs for use by the air defence force. BELOW—The "Elephant's Ears," a patented listening device widely used in the East Indies for detecting the approach of enemy planes and determining their direction.



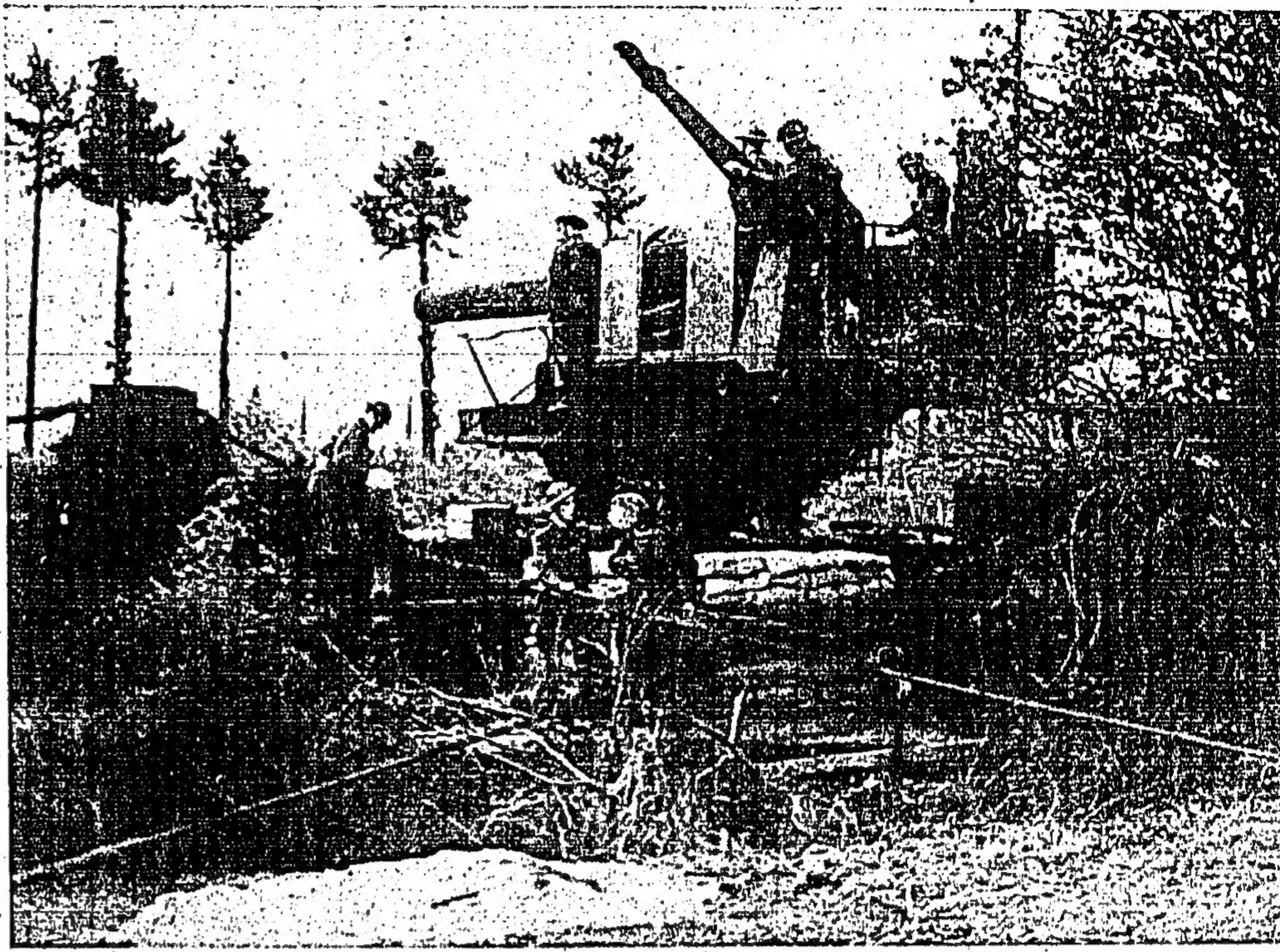
The crew of a Dutch cruiser manning the anti-aircraft guns on board during practice manoeuvres.



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TO FEED BLITZ HOMELESS—Following a recent raid on Plymouth, the Queen's Messenger food convoys undertook the work of feeding the homeless in the parks of the city. As can be seen in the picture, British sailors proved that "Jack's the boy for work" by setting about to help.



KEEPING THEIR EYE IN—The crews of the big guns around the coast of Britain periodically do practice shoots in which they range their guns on points at which the enemy may attempt a landing. In this way, the gunners get to know their ranges almost to an inch. This photo was taken at a recent practice.

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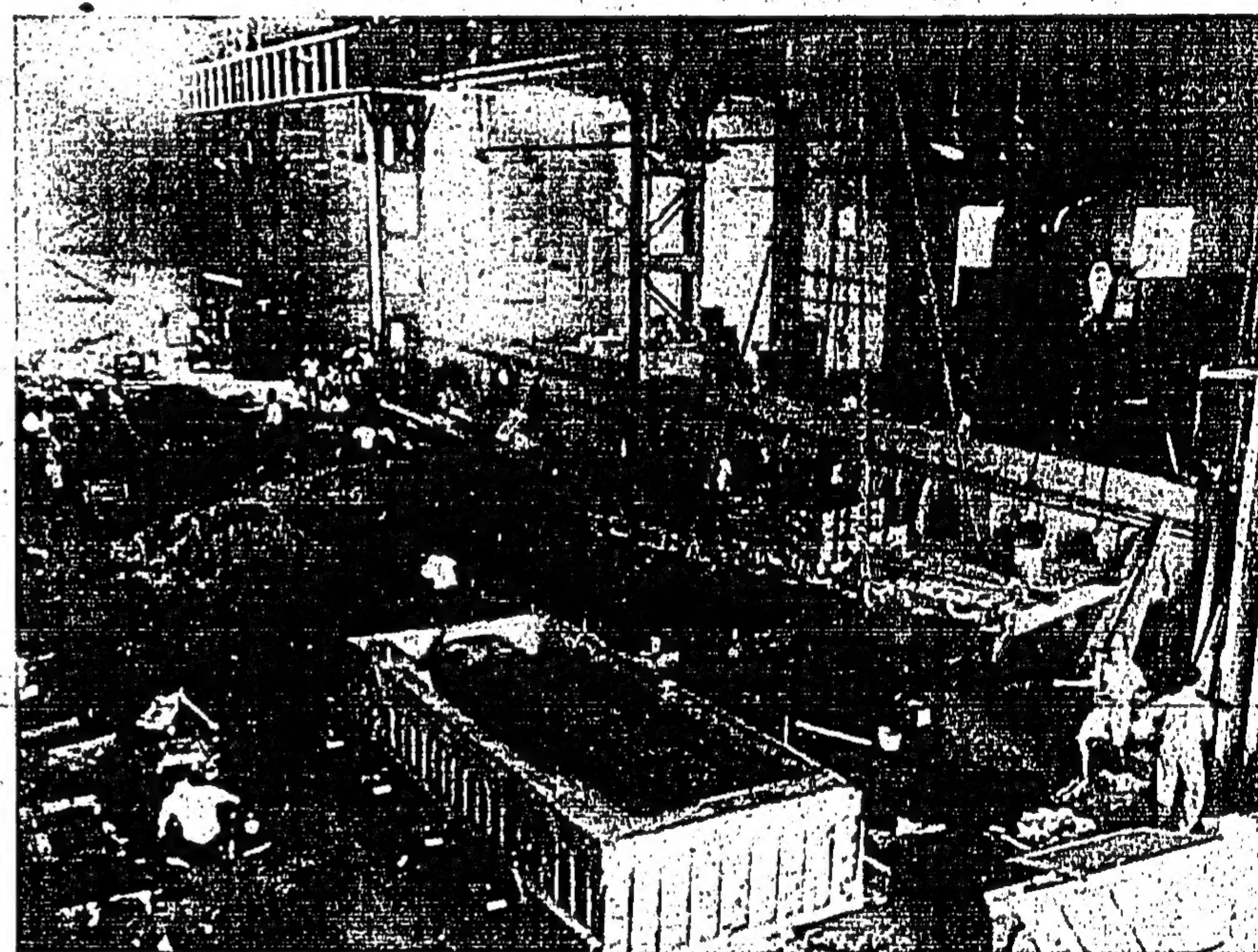
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MALAYA DEFENCE—Members of a battalion of the East Surrey Regiment, now stationed in Singapore, getting into trim with a Bren anti-aircraft gun. The East Surreys are well known in Hongkong and North China.



SINGAPORE BASE—In a recent broadcast, the Far Eastern Commander-in-Chief referred to the increased activity at the Singapore Naval Base, which is the pivot of defence strategy in the Far East. Photo shows one of the foundries in a workshop at the Base.



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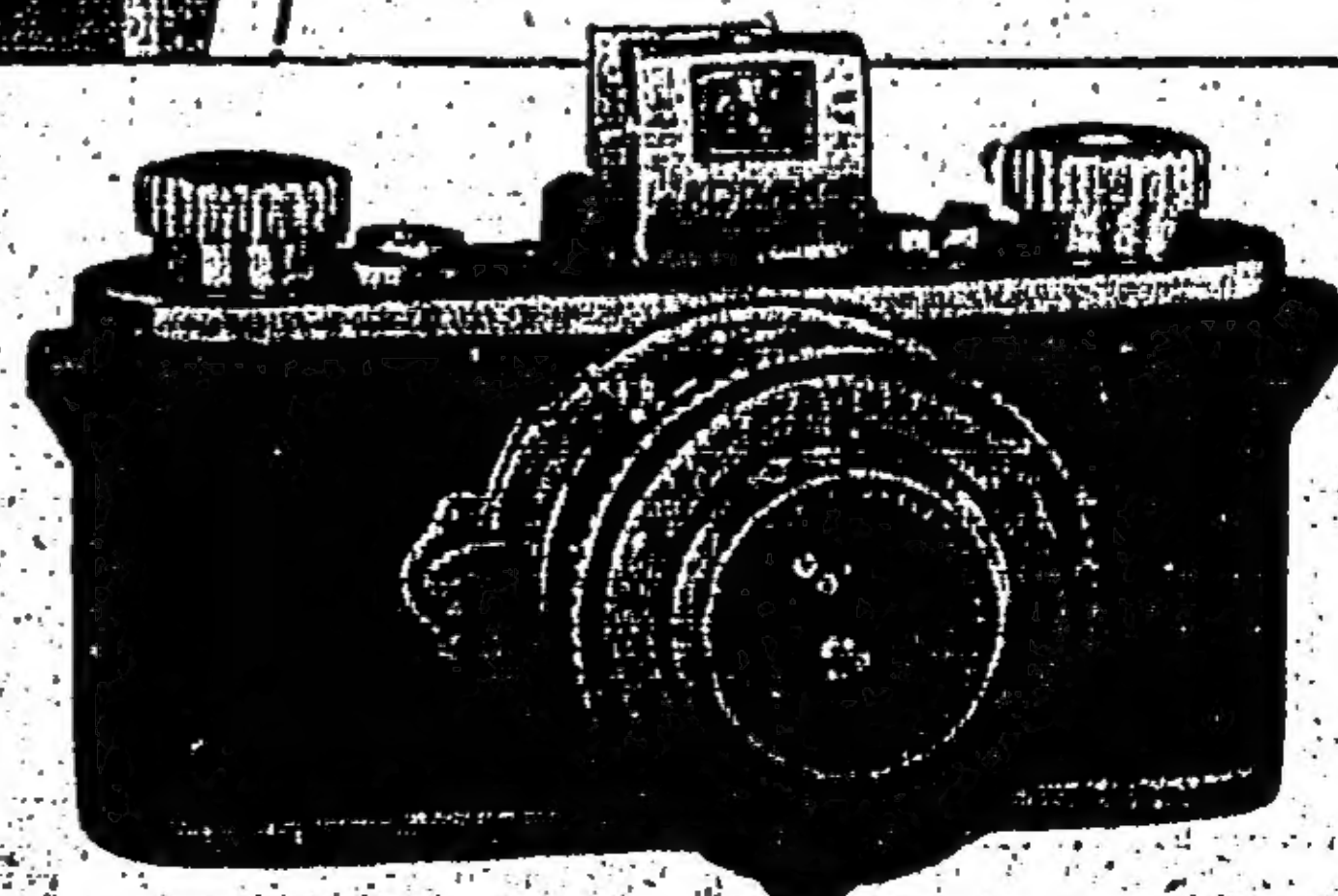
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SOCIETY WEDDING

The wedding took place last Saturday at the Gloucester Hotel of Mr Ting-yu Chien, son of Mr Y. M. Chien, Chairman of the Board of the Bank of Communications, and Miss An-siu Wang, third daughter of Dr C. T. Wang, former Chinese Foreign Minister and Ambassador to Washington. The happy couple is seen at right at the reception; below, the bride arriving with her father. (Photos: Ming Yuen and Sun Ying Ming).



OFF TO ENGLAND—Mr Chang Yin-hai, director of the China Institute in London, photographed with his family last week prior to leaving for England via America. (Photo: New China Newsphotos).



CONSECRATION OF NEW BISHOP—The Very Rev. J. L. Wilson, former Dean of St John's Cathedral, was consecrated Bishop of Singapore at an impressive ceremony this week. In the picture at right above, Bishop Wilson (centro) leaves the Cathedral after the service. On his left is Bishop Norman S. Binstead of the Philippines, who presided at the consecration. In the photo at the left, Bishop Wilson is signing the Oath of Allegiance, which was administered by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, and witnessed by H.E. the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, both seen in the picture. (Photos: Ming Yuen).



UPPER LEVELS AIR RAID WARDENS—Photo shows members of District "D", Upper Levels Division of the Corps of Air Raid Wardens, with the Divisional Warden, Mr H. R. Sequeira (seated in centro), who inspected the group prior to the recent black-out. District Warden M. W. Kwan is seated on Mr Sequeira's left. (Photo: Sun Ying Ming).



SCHOOL PRIZE DAY—Mrs Li Tso-fong presenting prizes at the annual prize distribution of the St Paul's Girls' College last week. The Headmistress, Dr Catherine Woo, is seen at left. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



TEACHERS' GRADUATION—Mr T. R. Rowell, Principal of the Northcote Training College, speaking on the occasion of the graduation of trained teachers. Mr D. J. Sloss, Vice-Chancellor of the Hongkong University, who distributed the diplomas, is seated next to Mr Rowell, with the Director of Education, Mr C. G. Solis, on the right. (Photo: Sun Ying Ming).

SOCIAL OBLIGATIONS COME EASILY AGAIN

"YOU KNOW, A LOT OF OUR FRIENDS ARE BEGINNING TO CRITICISE YOU FOR NOT CARRYING OUT YOUR SOCIAL OBLIGATIONS. I AM INCLINED TO AGREE, ESPECIALLY AS HOSPITALITY SHOULD BE RETURNED, IF NOTHING ELSE."

"THAT'S ALL VERY WELL, BUT I FEEL SO TIRED THESE DAYS AFTER NOON THAT I SIMPLY CAN'T COPE WITH ENTERTAINING."

"THANKS FOR THE LIFT OLD MAN. ON THE WAY I SUGGEST YOU SEE A DOCTOR ABOUT FEELING SO TIRED AND RUNDOWN."

"RIGHT, I WILL."

AT THE DOCTOR'S

"YOUR TROUBLE IS NIGHT STARVATION. YOU ARE NOT REPLACING THE ENERGY USED UP DURING THE DAY. HORLICKS REBUILDS STRENGTH AND ENERGY AS MANY SUFFERERS FROM SICKNESS AND FEVER HAVE PROVED. YOU SHOULD START TAKING HORLICKS NOW. IT WILL REPLACE ENERGY WHILE YOU SLEEP AND YOU WILL SOON FEEL FIT AGAIN."

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WEEK-END WIT

DENSE TAIL

A sailor, unexpectedly back in port, found his wife dressed up in her best party frock.

"That's the spirit," he told her. "No need to look gloomy, though we are at war."

Just then the telephone bell rang and the sailor answered it.

"Oh yes, judging by the number of U-boats we've sunk, I should certainly think so," his wife heard him say. Then she asked him who had called.

"Oh, he said, 'just a fellow who wanted to know if the coast was clear.'"

TOUGH-LOOKING

Wife: "There's a man outside who wants to see you about collecting a bill. He wouldn't give me his name."

Husband: "What does he look like?"

Wife: "He looks like you had better pay it."

HER FATE

And then there was the pretty girl who married an Egyptologist and ended up as a mummy.

WILD VILLAGE

Visitor: "I hear you have a curfew in your town, and a bell is rung at nine o'clock."

Resident: "They used to, but they've stopped it now. It woke everybody up."

STOP-GAP JOB

A kind-hearted woman was visiting the prison and sat down to look at a young man who sat disconsolately on his cell bunk.

"How came you to be in this unfortunate situation, my poor young man," she asked gently.

"Well, you see, ma'am," he said, "I was working in a bank, and..."

"Ah, I understand," she interrupted with pity. "Temperament, and inadequate pay—how long had you been working in the bank before you got into trouble?"

"One night, ma'am."

POCKET CARTOON



SIMPLE METHOD

She: "It's astonishing to me how the old fashioned women used to stick to their men through thick and thin."

He: "It's simple... they used to paste them once in a while."

OPPORTUNITY

One day Willem Mengelberg, the famous Dutch conductor, met a member of his orchestra in the street and remarked, "My, my, but you look prosperous! How do you manage it?"

"Oh, I'm a busy man," replied the musician. "Besides playing in the orchestra, I play in a quartet, give lessons, and perform on the radio."

"When do you sleep?" inquired the curious conductor.

"During the rehearsals," was the reply.

FEELING SICK

"My husband had a powder-puff and a pair of stockings in his pocket when he came home last night."

"Did he have any explanation to offer?"

"That's what I'm going to the hospital to find out."

LEAP SERVICE

First Blonde: Father walked in while I was entertaining my boy-friend.

Second Blonde: I'll bet your heart leaped to your mouth!

First Blonde: Gosh, no. He leaped to the window.

AN EVENT, ALL RIGHT

Lanark, Ill.—Mrs. Helen Rahn, Mrs. Ray Tipton, Mrs. Helen Olson, Mrs. Rev. and Mrs. Peter Sorenson are announcing the approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Martha, to David Wolf, which will be an event of May 4 in Trinity Lutheran church—Clinton (Iowa) "Herald."

PHILOSOPHY OF LIVING

Do right, and fear no man; Don't write, and fear no woman.

BOOK OF THE WEEK GIRL'S WATCH IN CHINA

In "Dawn Watch in China" by the people, who stoically (Houghton, Mifflin Co., Boston, U.S.\$3) Joy Homer describes and, in some cases, their whole city, with no more than their inherent optimism and genuine sense of humour, are tragically realistic.

Daughter of Sidney and Louise Homer, and only twenty-three when she came to China, the author makes light of her own hardships, strange experiences and narrow escapes from death, and unintentionally reveals her modesty, courage and understanding of all kinds of people.

Birth of Nationalism

Throughout the book one is aware of the Chinese nationalism which is slowly but surely growing out of the chaos and suffering, a sincere desire of the Chinese to fight for their country, and fresh enthusiasm and hope for the 'social reforms' which have already begun to find concrete expression in the schools and universities and homes for warphans; mass education for the working class; farmers' credit societies which are formed with government loans as part of an agricultural movement, and the New Life Movement—inaugurated by Madame Chiang Kai-shek, which was teaching them western methods of sanitation and good health, improved farming, etc.

Frank Impressions

She relates in a frank manner her vivid impressions of the things she saw while in the Chinese front lines, behind the Japanese lines with the guerilla movement, and the New Life Movement—inaugurated by Madame Chiang Kai-shek, which was teaching them western methods of sanitation and good health, improved farming, etc.

In reading "Dawn Watch in China," one feels that the slow work of man-power, machinery, hope and ideas to the West, is like the ebb of a wave drawing back, steadily gaining momentum for the moment when it will flow forward again.

Her descriptions of the air raids and the way they are taken



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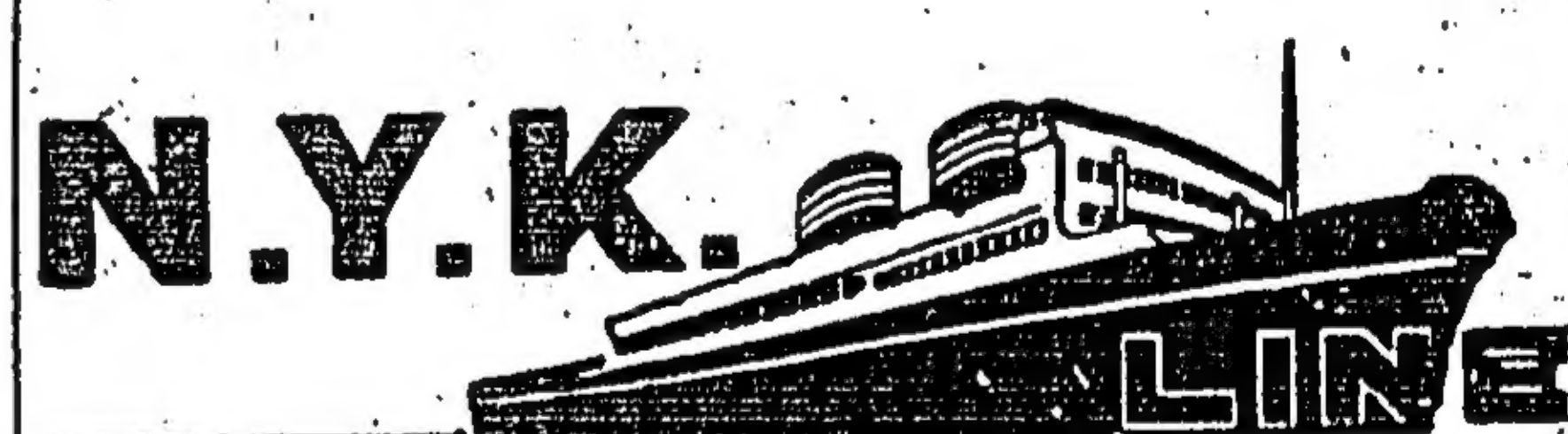
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PROBLEM ZOOLOGIST'S NIGHTMARE

A certain zoologist, having supped overwell, dreamed of reptiles. He arose the following morning to find that there had flowed over from the subconscious to the conscious state these facts of memory:

- (1) That one particular saurian had appeared twice, his name occurring in the list once in full, and once by taking the first letter of the first name, the second of the second, and so on to the end.
- (2) That another of the reptiles also appeared twice, but that his name was written backwards.
- (3) That while the names of the reptiles had escaped the dreamer, he could remember the position of the vowels and consonants in each name, the order in which they appeared, and one single letter of the name of the saurian referred to in (1) above. Confronted with paper, using O for all the vowels and X for all consonants, his problem read thus:—

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OXOXOXO
OXOXOX
OXOXOXOX
OXOXOXOX
OXOXOXOX

The zoologist sat down to puzzle this out and after a little time discovered the names of the reptiles. The names appear on Page 12.

CONTRACT BRIDGE How to Play AND How to Win By JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON

Twenty-six Cards

AVERAGE players are enormously handicapped by their habit of regarding the dummy as a mere auxiliary, often useful in protecting or building tricks for their own hand, but hardly to be looked on as an equally important unit.

Aside from habit there is no basis for this conception. Dummy's tricks count just as much on the score as declarer's. In fact, it is a mistake to think of declarer's hand and dummy as two separate entities. The twenty-six cards should be subtly blended in a declarer's mind and a plan of operation selected on that basis. The contract in to-day's hand would be baffling to every one who is a victim of habit.

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ 8742
♥ KQJ
♦ A K 4
♣ K 53

♠ 10653
♥ 54
♦ J 9876
♣ 2

The bidding:
North East South West
1NT Pass 3♥ Pass
4♥ Pass 5♣ Dbl.
Pass Pass Pass Dbl.

Needless to say, South "bid his head off" to reach the slam contract. It was marvellously lucky to find North with high diamonds instead of worthless spade honours. It must be admitted, however, that South's play of the hand compensated for his outrageous optimism in the bidding.

West opened the spade king. Declarer ruffed, entered dummy with a diamond, and ruffed a second spade. This process was repeated blended in a declarer's mind and a plan of operation selected on that basis. The contract in to-day's hand would be baffling to every one who is a victim of habit.

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Of course, it was also lucky for the declarer that West had held only two diamonds, since otherwise he would have been able to exit early. But the fact remains that the hand was played correctly, on the basis of the bidding, and the one opportunity grasped for fulfilling the over-ambitious contract. The crux was the conversion of dummy's three trumps into the master trump holding.

The SNAPSHOT GUILD PICTURING CHILDREN



Story-telling pictures of children are easy to make. They're not only more lifelike, but far more appealing.

A FRIEND of mine, who is an ardent amateur photographer, recently showed me quite a collection of pictures he had snapped of his children over a period of years. One thing I noticed in particular—there were very few stiffly posed "record" shots. He had endeavored to make each picture tell a story of some kind, to depict some activity in the lives of his children—the story-telling type of snapshot.

The typical "record" shot has its place in any album or collection of snapshots, but they should be considered the exception and not the rule. It is true that in this kind of picture taking you get a good likeness of the child as far as facial expression is concerned, but you don't have a real story-telling picture of this active little youngster. It just isn't natural for a healthy, sprightly child to stand around doing nothing.

Play makes pictures. I don't mean that the child should be scurrying around or engaged in some fast-moving activity. Have your child "re-creating" his tricycle, reading a book, playing with dolls, sailing a boat in a wash tub, and with his pet—always an appealing, natural shot. Then you'll have a better and more interesting album.

This appealing picture of the little girl baking a pie was taken with the aid of photo lights, replacing the regular bulbs in home lamps, and aided by handy cardboard reflectors. High speed film was used in the camera and a snapshot exposure was given. This is but one of a series showing the child from the time she started making her pictures till she took it out of the oven. An interesting series of pictures like this should be cherished by any parent.

The arrival of summer offers innumerable picture opportunities for outdoor snapshots of children. With your camera always ready for action you can capture many of their interesting activities. Oftentimes, a tempting idea—playing jacks, skipping rope, shooting marbles—will be all that is needed to get things going. Of course, the focus, exposure setting, and camera position should be determined in advance. A handy exposure guide will be a valuable aid in getting well exposed pictures.

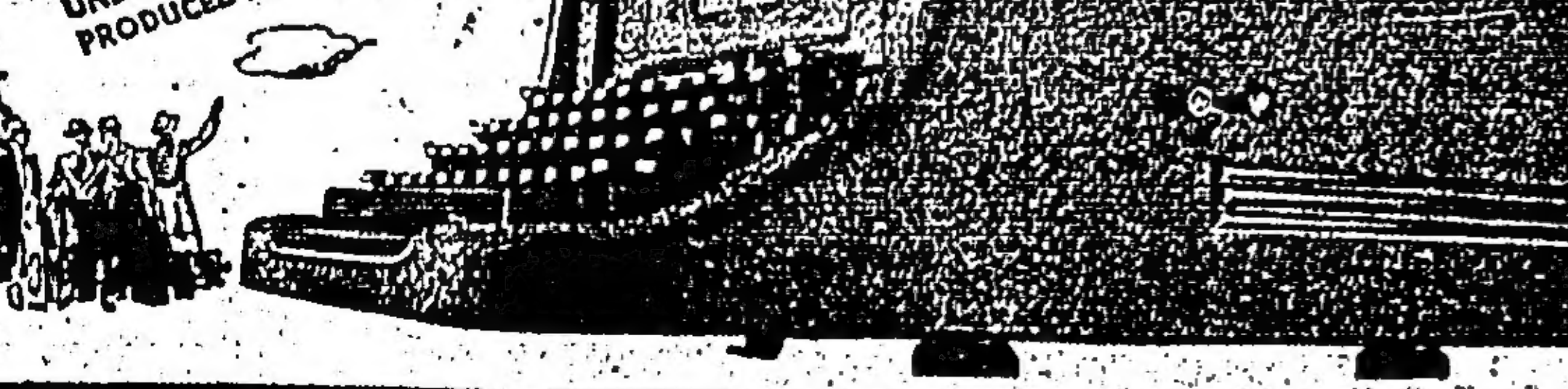
"Posing action" is a trick you can often use in picturing children. Suppose, for example, you want a picture of your son riding his tricycle, but your camera will not take fast moving objects. Ask him to show you how he looks when he goes racing down the street, and as he leans over the handle bars, snap the picture, in like manner, many interesting "action" shots can be posed but the final print will convey all the feeling of motion.

Snapshots of children "doing something" give you a natural and genuine likeness. Make as many story-telling pictures as possible, and notice how the appeal of your album is greatly increased.

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